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## Polish leaders discuss clashes

WARSAW, March 22 (Agencies) — Talks between Polish Deputy Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski and independent trade union leader Lech Walesa began here Sunday at the cabinet offices.

Rakowski will discuss last Thursday's clash in the city of Bydgoszcz when 27 unionists were punched, kicked and beaten. Three were badly injured and a 68-year-old farmer is in critical condition.

Solidarity's immediate reaction to the incident was to declare a national strike alert and more than half a million workers staged token strikes Friday. But the government, evidently taken aback by the extent of the reaction, moved quickly and issued a conciliatory statement Saturday calling for talks.

In reply the union leaders said they welcomed the government's intention to seek a solution to the conflict through negotiations and agreed to undertake talks immediately. Walesa reinforced the message when he told a rally of 4,000 workers that Solidarity wanted to settle the police action through negotiations — not strikes.

The talks came as the government sent a second investigating team to the troubled city, headed by Justice Minister Jerzy Bafia, for a "detailed analysis of the situation." A first enquiry commission went Saturday.

A cross-section of Polish society, including Walesa's union Solidarity as well as the official trade unions, the Communist party and the press were agreed on the need to clarify the clashes.

Meanwhile, Walesa was awarded a \$11,000 prize by a Swedish newspaper, for his work "for social justice and peace," it was reported Sunday.

The newspaper *Arbetet* of Malmoe said this year's "Let Live Prize" went to Walesa "for his and the free union movement Solidarity's work for social justice and peace."

Previous recipients of the prize include Sweden's nuclear disarmament expert Alva Myrdal and several other Swedish authors.

In other reports, the Soviet army newspaper *Red Star* on Sunday published a photograph showing Soviet and Polish tank units during a joint tactical exercise.

## Carrington: No state for Palestinians if opposed by Israelis

BEIRUT, March 22 (AP) — Britain's foreign minister was quoted as saying Sunday there will be no state for Palestinian refugees in the Israeli-occupied West Bank as long as Israel opposes the idea — unless the Arabs win a state by war.

Saying he did not exclude the possibility of such a state, Lord Carrington told the independent weekly magazine *Monday Morning* that any peaceful solution of the Middle East

Arab-Israel conflict must be acceptable to all countries in the area. "If Israel is opposed to the creation of a Palestinian state on the (Israeli-occupied) West Bank, the truth of the matter is that this is not going to happen — unless you are prepared to go to war about it," he was quoted as saying in an interview in London.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's foreign secretary was quoted as saying he was "disappointed" by Israel's reaction to the European Economic Community's "even-handed" declaration on the Middle East of June 1980.

Carrington said the Venice Declaration was based on two principles. "The first principle — that the state of Israel should be recognized in its right to live within secure and safe boundaries. The second principle — that Israel should recognize the Palestinians' right of self-determination," he was quoted as saying. The declaration also stated the Palestine Liberation Organization should be "associated" with Middle East peace talks.

The foreign secretary said one reason why the Israeli reaction was disappointing was that the Israelis refuse to negotiate with the PLO "while the PLO is still publicly taking the position that Israel doesn't and can't exist."

"Somehow or other, we've got to get both sides to agree that both exist — that the Palestinians exist and have rights, and that Israel exists and is there," he was quoted as saying. "I think the more we go on saying these things, the more likely it is that they may be acceptable to all parties."

Lord Carrington, who will become chairman of the EEC's council of ministers in July, was quoted as saying Europe's next step was to seek the views of Middle East leaders and formulate an exact definition of Palestinian "self-determination." Noting the scheduled June elections in Israel and the lack of a clear U.S. policy, he said it was too early to say if the EEC would draft its own proposals on these issues. He said the EEC did not want to "cut across" anyone else's efforts in the Middle East. "What I think we can do in the meantime is influence those who have still not made up their minds about what their policy should be — like the Israelis and the Americans — in a way which we in Europe think is likely to be productive — which is basically the Venice declaration," he was quoted as saying.

Lord Carrington was quoted as saying it was not the right moment for Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's proposal for an international conference on the Middle East. He said the United States, with its close relationship to Israel, was "absolutely essential" to any Middle East settlement.

## Ford carries Reagan note to Peking

PEKING, March 22 (AP) — Former U.S. President Gerald R. Ford arrived Sunday in China to deliver what he said was a major message from U.S. President Ronald Reagan to China's top leader Deng Xiaoping.

Ford, who visited China during his own presidency in 1975, was to begin his first round of talks Sunday after noon with Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua at the Great Hall of the People. On arrival at the airport, Ford told reporters he came "to renew friendship" and "to convey some messages from President Reagan and others to the top leaders here."

Ford arrived by a special private plane from Hong Kong, where he said Friday he would convey a message to party vice-chairman Deng Xiaoping from Reagan along with the president's personal greetings. Ford and his wife Betty were greeted at the airport by China's Vice Foreign Minister Zhang Wenjing who is in charge of North American and Pacific affairs, and by Zha Xu, head of the American Department.

Ford's visit to China is the second official high-level contact between the new Reagan administration and China, which is concerned about Reagan's support for the Taipei government.

## Flying hospital set up

JEDDAH, March 22 — The armed forces recently acquired a C-130 transport plane that has been equipped with full hospital services, including an operating room, defense ministry sources reported Sunday.

The plane will use a full medical and surgical staff and will be used to treat patients in remote areas during emergencies. Medical staff on the plane can deal with any development from acute illnesses to operations. The plane is capable of landing on any airstrip, enabling it to reach any outlying area in the Kingdom, *Al Riyadh* reported.

## Kingdom against price hikes

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## Britain to explain RDF role

### Defense secretary starts visit today

By Wahib Ghorab and Nigel Harvey

JEDDAH, March 22 — Britain's Defense Secretary John Nott will seek mutual clarification of British and Saudi Arabian views on the controversial Rapid Deployment Force, a diplomat said here Sunday.

The force, proposed by the United States to defend Western interests in the Gulf and Indian Ocean, was opposed by several Arab Gulf countries. Saudi Arabia has not officially stated its position although it declared that defense of the Arab Gulf region is the responsibility of the Arabs themselves.

During his three-day official visit to the Kingdom, Nott will also pursue military cooperation in arms sales and training with Saudi Arabia, a British Embassy spokesman said.

The secretary of defense will hold talks with Defense and Civil Aviation Minister Prince Sultan and on Wednesday Nott will pay a short visit to the Eastern Province.

He leaves the Kingdom on Wednesday for Oman to continue a tour to the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Bahrain.

The spokesman said that the "defense of the Gulf is a matter for the countries of the region," adding that "Britain has no intention of stationing troops in the Gulf." However, he said "it might be that at some stage they might ask for assistance from the West. But there's no point if there's no force available."



John Nott

British warships have joined others from the United States and western countries off the states of Hormuz, and Nott told Parliament last week that Britain has a spearhead battalion on 72 hours notice for rapid deployment.

Since the outbreak of the war between Iraq and Iran last year, Western countries, led by the United States have been discussing a possible rapid deployment force. But Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who visits the Kingdom next month, created what the spokesman termed a "misunderstanding" by strongly supporting U.S. proposals for an RDF during a recent visit to Washington.

Thatcher's remarks were however, clarified by Ambassador Sir James Craig during a meeting with Foreign Minister Prince Saud al Faisal last week. But Saudi Arabian foreign officials told *Arab News* the remarks had been disturbing as the Gulf states had not been consulted in advance and especially in view of Mrs. Thatcher's impending visit.

The embassy spokesman Sunday said that Britain and the Kingdom had several

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## Yemeni message to King

RIYADH, March 22 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif bin Abdul Aziz received his North Yemeni counterpart Lt. Col. Ali Uthrob who arrived here Sunday with a message from President Ali Abdullah Saleh to King Khaled.

Uthrob was met upon arrival by Prince Naif, Dr. Ibrahim al Awaji, deputy interior minister, Sheikh Abdul Aziz al Salem, head of the National Security Council, Gen. Abdullah al Sheikh, public security director, and Abdul Karim al Makhazi, North Yemen charge d'affaires and other senior officials.

In a statement on arrival Uthrob said that he was carrying a message to King Khaled from President Ali. He lauded Saudi Arabian-Yemen relations and said that he will hold talks with Prince Naif on the brotherly relations between the countries.

He expressed the hope that the talks will foster mutual relations between the peoples of Saudi Arabia and North Yemen.

Prince Naif also made statement and expressed pleasure at the visit. The Prince said: "We are brethren and are always ready to listen to all what our Yemeni brethren want to say."

Earlier Saturday North Yemen Foreign Minister Ali Luf al Thawr held talks with Crown Prince Fahd, Second Deputy Premier Prince Abdullah and Foreign Minister Prince Saud al Faisal.

In another development Egyptian press reports Saturday said former North Yemen Foreign Minister Ahduh al Asang, who was arrested last Wednesday, will be put on trial for high treason.

The official Egyptian Middle East News Agency (MENA) quoted North Yemen security sources Sunday as saying that the government impounded documents supporting the treason charges.

The sources added that Asang had allegedly plotted with "foreign powers" to undermine North Yemen relations with other Arab countries.

The order of the arrest was made by Vice-President Abdul Karim Al Arslan, who is also speaker of the Consultative Assembly, the reports said.

Asang, who is also a member of the country's Consultative Assembly (parliament) was arrested with Ibrahim Al Kibsi, deputy foreign minister.

The arrests were made Wednesday night in Sanaa and included Abbas Gbanem, a former consul in New York, the reports said.

At the insistence of the Aden government Asang stepped down from public office in the wake of the border clashes.

## Khaled receives Swedish minister

RIYADH, March 22 (SPA) — King Khaled received Sunday the Swedish Industry Minister Nils Oslong who is visiting the country to attend the Swedish Technical Week. The meeting was attended by Crown Prince Fahd, Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard and Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, minister of industry and electricity.

King Khaled had earlier returned to the capital from his desert retreat where he spent a few weeks. He was accompanied by Defense Minister Prince Sultan.



CLEAN JEDDAH: Tiny tots clearing away rubbish as part of the Cleanliness Week launched here Saturday. Sixty thousand school children and 6,000 municipal workers are taking part in the operation aimed at keeping the city clean.

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## Sekou Toure arrives in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD, March 22 (R) — Guinean President Ahmed Sekou Toure, leader of a top-level Organization of Islamic Conference mission trying to stop the Iraq-Iran war, arrived here from Saudi Arabia Sunday for talks on the mission's next move.

The Guinean leader left Saudi Arabia after holding similar talks with Bangladesh President Ziaur Rahman, who made a two-hour stop at Jeddah airport on his way home from Mali, the agency reported.

The presidents of Pakistan and Bangladesh are also members of the eight-man mission. Secretary-General of the Jeddah-based OIC, Habib Chatti said after the airport

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## Abu Dhabi bans French singer

ABU DHABI, March 22 (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has banned the entry of French singer Charles Aznavour because he was blacklisted by the Israel Boycott Bureau, an information ministry spokesman has said.

Aznavour was due to start a three-day series of concerts in an Abu Dhabi hotel Saturday. The spokesman did not know specific reasons for the bureau's blacklisting of the singer. Last year, it blacklisted an Egyptian musician, Omer Khurshid, Akwa

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Lebanese singer, Sabah, for taking part in a pro-Israeli concert in Paris.

The bureau, set up by the Arab League; aims to curtail ties between Israel and the rest of the world. It has drawn up lists of companies and individuals dealing with Israel.

Aznavour gave concerts last week at a hotel in Bahrain, said a spokesman for the hotel in Abu Dhabi where he was to have performed. But it was not clear whether the Bahrain authorities were aware of the Arab ban.

## Foot-and-mouth disease spreads across Channel

LONDON, March 22 (AFP) — Foot-and-mouth disease has spread across the English Channel to southern England from France and the Channel Islands, in the first outbreak in Britain for 13 years, the British Ministry of Agriculture confirmed Sunday.

The ministry declared the Isle of Wight — where 200 head of cattle have already been

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slaughtered — and the area round Portsmouth on the main land as infected areas. Farms in the neighboring counties of Dorset and Hampshire were said to be also at risk. The foot-and-mouth virus was the same as that found in Brittany, northwest France, and Jersey in the Channel Islands, the ministry said.

# Sweden airs interest in Kingdom's projects

**By a Staff Writer**  
 RIYADH, March 22 — Sweden's Industry Minister Nils Oslong affirmed Saturday his country's interest in developing relations with Saudi Arabia in all fields.  
 He told a press conference at King Faisal Hall here "We want more contacts with the Kingdom to enhance trade, agricultural, technical and technological cooperation."  
 The minister said Sweden is ready to help meet Saudi Arabian needs. He expressed optimism regarding the future of bilateral cooperation which is already expanding. He also voiced his admiration for Saudi Arabia's development boom. He highlighted the importance of cooperation between the private sectors of both countries and of identifying Saudi Arabia's needs. He hoped for greater participation by Swedish firms in the Kingdom's development projects. There are 18 firms operating here already.  
 He hinted that Sweden will send more experts to Saudi Arabia to help in the development process. Swedish firms have the experience that Saudi Arabia needs, he said. Oslong affirmed that Saudi Arabia is Sweden's most important trade partner after Europe and the United States. Swedish exports to the Kingdom amounted \$10 billion last year, a 100 per cent rise over the past couple of years.  
**Charity bazaar held**  
 DAMMAM, March 22 (SPA) — A charity bazaar organized by Dammam's Women Welfare Society opened here Saturday. The first two days were for men visitors and the remaining seven days are for women. On display are clothes, paintings, foodstuffs, electric appliances, shoes and perfumes.  
 The society, founded in 1977, now groups 60 members. It gave SR1,716,000 to needy families in the area this year. Its programs help some 70 needy families. It also provides typing, tailoring, painting and language courses. So far, 45 girl typists, 49 dress makers and 180 female painters graduated from the society. It has self-generating projects in addition to citizens' contributions. The society is also subsidized by the government.

Among possible areas of cooperation, the Swedish minister mentioned iron ore and iron industry, communications, data processing, electric power, environmental protection, education, mining, underground construction, agriculture, and research. He said that his country's relations with the Arab world are always characterized by peace and neutrality.  
 Earlier, the Swedish minister together with Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, the minister of industry and electricity, opened the Swedish Technology Week. He thanked King Khaled on behalf of the king and queen of Sweden for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to them during their recent visit to Saudi Arabia which strengthened friendship between the two kingdoms. He also discussed ancient Arab contribution to science and their influence on Western civilization.  
 In reply, Dr. Algosabi said Saudi Arabia's experience with Swedish firms had so far been reassuring to a great extent "which encourages us to work for increasing the volume of cooperation in accordance with our needs and possibilities."  
 He underlined the importance of modern technology and techniques to the measure of the available resources and as far as they could be soundly absorbed by the country. He said that technology transfer as such "did not mean much." "What we are interested in is the introduction of technology to the Kingdom's natural and agricultural resources and the development of the country's industries so as to yield direct revenues. More, what we need is a cumulative, dynamic and accelerated development," he said.  
 Dr. Algosabi said he agreed with the Swedish minister that a number of Saudi youths should be sent to train in Swedish firms. Also, the Saudi Arabian Consultancy Services Firm (Al-Dar Al-Saudia) will hold talks with Swedish consultants on the avenues for cooperation in the extension of consultancy services.  
 During his visit, the Swedish minister will meet the ministers of planning, commerce, petroleum and mineral resources and other senior officials.



GREETINGS: Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosabi greets Sweden's industry minister, Nils Oslong, upon his arrival to the Kingdom Saturday.

## BRIEFS

**University contest planned**  
 RIYADH, March 22 (SPA) — Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University will hold a special competition on Koran and Sunnah (the Holy Prophet's Tradition) March 30 among students of faculties and higher institutes. Prizes totalling SR400,000 will be distributed to the winners from among the 236 competitors. A separate contest will be held for 1,400 students of scientific institutes.  
**Mosque renovation performed**  
 MECCA, March 22 (SPA) — A sum of SR3,464,435 has been spent on the renovation of mosques in Mecca, Taif, Tabuk and Medina, a spokesman for the Ministry of Pilgrimage and Endowments said Saturday. The official, Hamed Al-Mahmadi, director of the ministry's project department, said that the mosques included seven in Mecca, two in Taif, one in Yonbu, one in Qonfuza, and Haqi mosque in Tabuk.  
**Tent substitutes considered**  
 MECCA, March 22 (SPA) — The technical sub-committee stemming from the Central Pilgrimage Committee met at the municipality here Saturday under Mayor Abdul Qader Kboshak to consider substitutes for tents during the coming pilgrimage season.

They were shown projects to this effect presented by a number of national firms. The sub-committee will meet again next month.  
**Education talks held**  
 RIYADH, March 22 (SPA) — Visiting Somali Education Minister Adan Muhammad Ali conferred here Saturday with Dr. Mansour Al-Turki, the rector of Riyadh University. Talks dealt with cooperation in the education field. Ali then visited the antiquities and national folklore museum at the university's arts faculty. He also inspected the Arabic language institute for non-Arabic speaking students and the administrative science college.  
**Koran-reading contest**  
 AL-KHOBAR, March 22 — A Koran-reading competition for female students of the primary, intermediate and secondary levels in Al-Khobar was held Sunday in preparation for the inter-regional contest. The General Directorate for Girls Education in the area also opened night classes to provide additional math instruction for slow learners.

# Pakistan reviews joint efforts

JEDDAH, March 22 — Pakistanis will mark the country's national day with activities at the Pakistan Embassy, an embassy press release said Sunday.  
 Pakistan's relations are very close with the Kingdom. The two countries hold identical views on major world issues and work actively, both individually and jointly, for the promotion of Muslim causes.  
 In the economic field, relations have developed tremendously over the past few years, the embassy reported. While the Kingdom is assisting Pakistan in implementing some key projects in vital fields like fertilizers, cement, power generation and is meeting the bulk of its oil requirements, Pakistan has been meeting a substantial part of the Kingdom's needs for technical expertise, skills and manpower to carry through its development projects.  
 Apart from the private firms, several state-owned Pakistani construction companies also have undertaken major development projects in the Kingdom. One of these, National Power Construction Corporation, has built the \$90 million Al-Kharj Power Project which is one of the four major power schemes drawn up by the Kingdom for the supply of power for domestic and commercial use.  
 Two other state-owned companies, the Airport Development Agency and the National Construction Company (Pakistan) have jointly developed airport facilities worth more than SR782 million in the Kingdom. The ADA is currently working on a major housing project worth \$206 million in King Khaled Military City at Al-Batin.

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# Kingdom donates SR3m to weather program

**By Ayman Abdulrahman Zahid**  
**JEDDAH, March 22** — Saudi Arabia has contributed SR3 million to the World Weather Watch Program in addition to employing operators and technicians from India and West Germany for the global weather control, experiment officials said here Sunday.

On the occasion of the World Meteorological Day, March 23, Public Relations Director of the Meteorology Department, Ahmad Siraj, said the Kingdom's assistance extended to providing facilities for the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to perform studies on the thermal convections on the Rub El Khali and its effect on seasonal rains and winds.

Siraj added that the Kingdom has greatly contributed to the European Space Agency, based in West Germany, that conducts studies on global weather.

The World Weather Watch Program was established in 1967 by the fifth World Meteorology Organization congress. The program provides member states basic meteorological and related environmental information for an efficient and effective meteorological service.

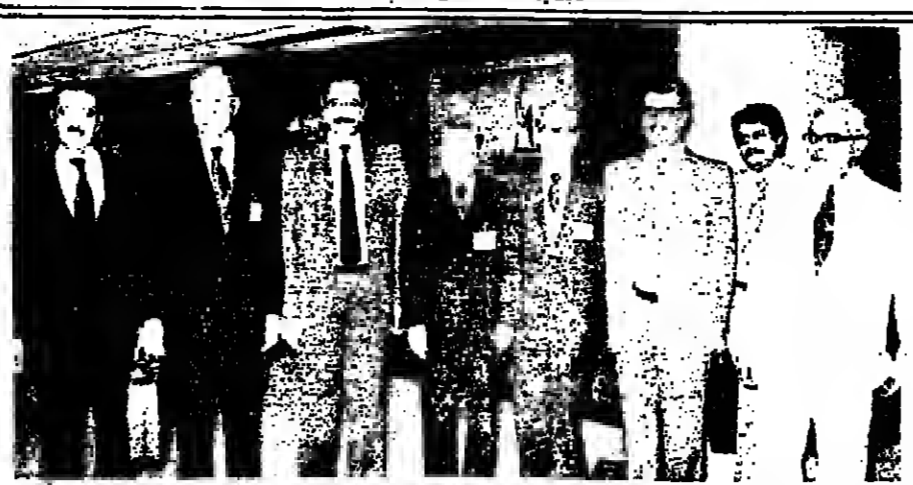
The program consists of three systems. Global observation, global telecommunication and global data processing systems are assisted by 9,000 land station, 7,000 sea station which include commercial ships and 3,000 aircraft and automatic stations coupled with satellite reports.

## Abdul Aziz aide dies

**JEDDAH, March 22** — A man who served under King Abdul Aziz, the founder of the Kingdom died in Mecca Saturday at the age of 107.

Sheikh Nasser Al Rashed fought several battles under the banner of the King at the turn of the century and well into the 1930's when the King was consolidating his victories and uniting the country.

Later, he served under King Saud who succeeded his father in 1953 and formed the Society for the Promotion of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice to ensure public adherence to the code of Islamic morality and behavior.



**CHINA VISIT:** Dr. Mansour Al-Turki (third from left), president of Saudi Arabia's Riyadh University, arrived in Taipei on March 8 for a week-long visit. Upon his arrival at the Chang Kai-Shek International airport, Al-Turki was greeted by Economics Minister Chang Kwang-Shih (second from left); Dr. Chang Ming-Che (fourth from right), chairman of the National Science Council; and Dr. Yen Chen-Hsing (fourth from left), president of the National Taiwan University.

## KAU pursues to graduate

**By Wahib Ghurab**  
**JEDDAH, March 22** — King Abdul Aziz University's Faculty of Medicine and Medical Sciences will graduate a group of female students this summer. The group consists of 24 students who will obtain the bachelor's degree in medicine.

Dr. Subad Al-Hajri, the faculty's under-secretary, said Sunday that this is the first class of female students to graduate from KAU after spending six years studying at the faculty of medicine. They will continue their education after graduation for an additional year at an internship stage, she said.

Dr. Hajri added that the number 24 does not mean that they will all graduate. It simply represents the number of students in the final year at the faculty and all of them might not be successful, she said. The total number of women at the faculty reached 400 studying

medicine and nursing.

However, the graduates can enroll for higher studies and specialization at KAU. "The university's potentials do not allow us to draw specialization programs," Dr. Hajri said. But the issue of specialization is being considered seriously because of the recent government decision against sending women on scholarships abroad, she added.

She described the size of enrolment in the faculty of medicine as "below the supposed level." She attributed that to the society's views and traditions toward nursing. "These views should be changed because nursing is the only job that suits the nature of women here," Dr. Hajri said.

She added that four national nurses will graduate this year from the faculty, a figure lower than last year's six nursing students. Preparations are underway for the occasion, she said.

## Australian minister to visit

**By Javid Hassan**  
**JEDDAH, March 22** — The Australian Deputy Prime Minister J.D. Anthony is arriving in Riyadh Monday from Egypt for talks on trade and technical cooperation between the two countries.

Besides Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, Anthony also will hold talks with minister for petroleum, Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani; the minister for agriculture and water, Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al Sheikh; minister for defense and civil aviation, Prince Sultan; and Deputy Minister of the Interior Prince Ahmed.

The Australian delegation, which will comprise businessmen and Australian gov-

ernment officials, will discuss among other things, the possibility of introducing into the Kingdom the flying hospital service which has been found useful in providing medical help to rural areas. The agenda may also include home guard medical care centers as well as academic exchange between the two countries.

"Australia can provide training to mining students, since mine conditions between the two countries are similar," an Australian embassy official told Arab News. He said his country can also provide on-the-job training for Saudi Arabian students.

Australia will also explore the possibility of exporting natural gas. At present the country produces 70 per cent of its requirements.

## COMMENT

**By Abdullah Bajair**

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There has been frequent talk about the Arab brain drain and how it can be reversed to help in the resurgence of the Arab world. It seems to be very difficult to find a solution to this serious problem since the Arab emigrants have already lost their brains in their new place of domicile.

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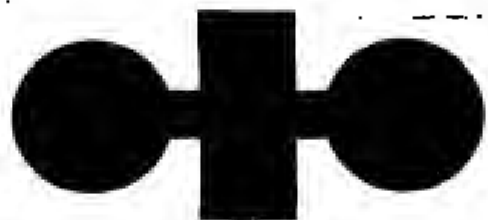
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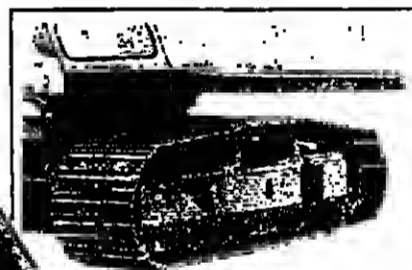
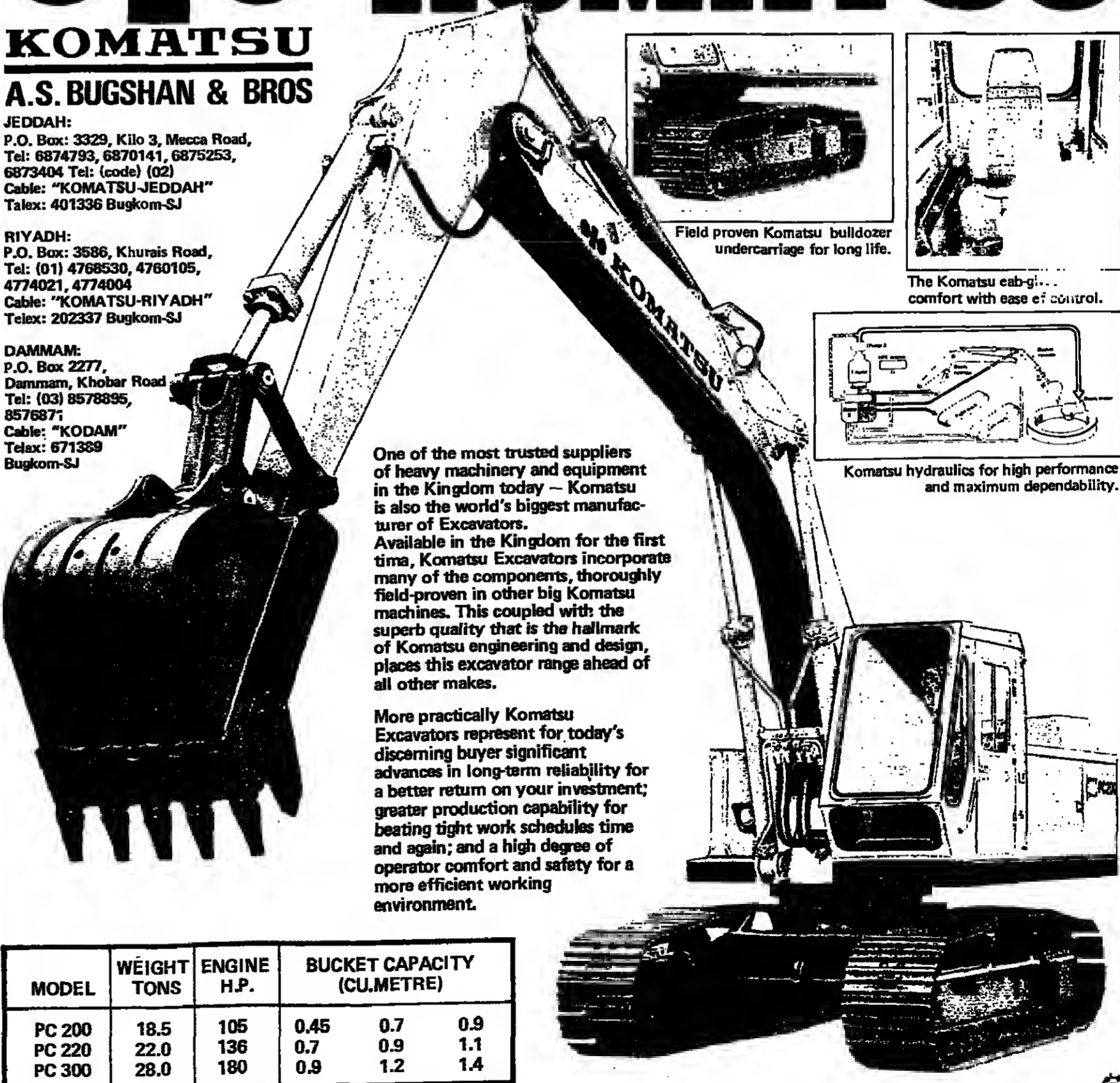


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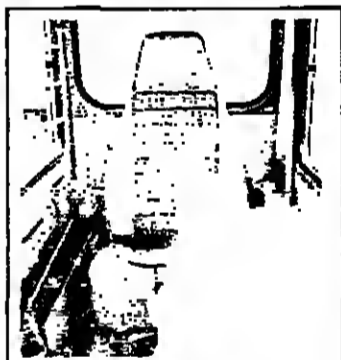
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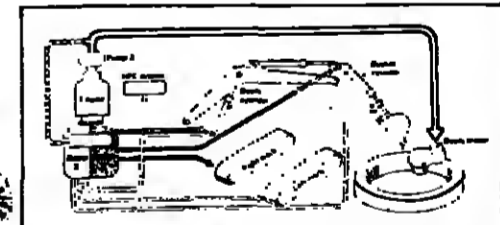
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Agitation called off

# Qayyum wants PPP ousted from alliance

By Shahid Orakzai  
Arab News Correspondent

RAWALPINDI, March 22 — The 7-party opposition alliance Saturday called off its agitational activities, including a strike call coinciding with national day March 23 and alliance chairman Sardar Abdul Qayyum declared he would move for expulsion of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) from the alliance for its involvement in the hijacking of a PIA plane.

Sardar Qayyum asked the government to allow him consultations with some detained leaders of the component parties so that the alliance could evolve consensus on either PPP's expulsion or complete dissolution of the grouping.

The alliance which calls itself "Movement for Restoration of Democracy" (MRD) was formed Feb. 6 last with political adversaries

joining hands against Gen. Zia's military rule. But cracks followed soon after the terrorist wing of Pakistan People's Party of former Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto claimed responsibility for the hijack early this month.

The MRD leader said he was convinced about PPP's involvement with the hijack business which, he said, was an externally financed conspiracy against Pakistan's integrity. He refused to accept PPP's dissociation from the hijack saying that such denials had no credibility. Some 54 PPP activists were freed by Zia government to secure release of 100 hostages on hijacked plane.

He said although MRD was committed to restoration of democracy, it believed in achieving this objective only through "recognized political means". Calling off the agitation, he said any law and order situation would harm national solidarity at this critical juncture.

On Continental Shelf

## Libya to ratify agreement with Malta

VALLETTA, March 22 (R) — A Libyan delegation is expected in Malta Monday to ratify an agreement on the delimitation of the Continental Shelf between the two countries, an issue which has strained traditionally friendly Libyan-Maltese relations.

Maltese Prime Minister Dom Mintoff,

announcing the visit Saturday said the agreement would then go before the International Court of Justice in The Hague for its evaluation. The two countries have been negotiating the issue, mainly involving oil exploration, for eight years.

## Agreement on Aegean reported

ATHENS, March 22 (R) — Senior Greek and Turkish officials have reached agreement on a number of issues concerning the two countries' disputes over the Aegean Sea, a joint statement announced Saturday.

The statement was issued in Athens and Ankara after a week of talks in the Turkish capital which ended Friday. It said the secretaries-general of the two foreign ministries agreed on recommendations over the dispute between Greece and Turkey on control of Aegean airspace, and these would be submitted to their governments.

## Jordan attacks role of Syrian president

AMMAN, March 22 (AP) — King Hussein has attacked the policies of Syrian President Hafez Assad, saying "the area will explode" if Assad succeeded in polarizing the region into supporters of East and West.

The king made his speech at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the Jordan Valley. The monument is a memorial to soldiers killed during the battle of Karameh between Jordan and Israel in 1967. "The Syrian command wants to kill the Syrian people's spirit in order to conceal its failure and create side battles with us and other Arab countries," the Jordanian monarch said.

He added Assad's regime aimed at reducing the Mideast into "followers of East and

West and internationalize the Zionist-Arab struggle to agree with the goals of Zionism," Hussein said. "If this aim is implemented," he said, "this area will explode and become the target for dangers and a stage for world struggle."

## House blasted in Gaza

GAZA, March 22 (AP) — Israeli troops blew up one house Sunday and sealed another with cement that belonged to two Palestinian Arabs accused of killing a local resident here last April.

Security forces Friday destroyed the homes of two other members of the four-man commandos cell, who Israeli military authorities reported to be members of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

The cell members were not believed to be connected to any other incidents of political assassination in the Gaza Strip.

## Israel asserts support for Maj. Haddad

TEL AVIV, March 22 (R) — Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Zipori has said that Israel would not allow the United Nations or the Lebanese government to undermine the authority of militia leader Saad Haddad in his South Lebanese border stronghold.

He told Israel radio: "We support him (Maj. Haddad) in times of need and I think both sides benefit from it. He makes a big contribution to the state of Israel." Under a new commander, Irish Gen. William Callaghan, the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) has this month been backing the deployment of Lebanese government troops in areas just north of Maj. Haddad's strip of border territory.

In Horn of Africa

## Djibouti, Ethiopia to work for peace

ADDIS ABABA, March 22 (AFP) — Djibouti and Ethiopia have reaffirmed their readiness to work together for durable peace in the Horn of Africa, in a joint communique marking the end of a seven-day visit by Djibouti President Hassan Gouled Aptidon. Gouled flew to Nairobi Saturday after jointly signing with Ethiopian head of state Mengistu Haile Mariam a 10-year treaty of friendship and cooperation designed to consolidate bilateral relations.

Respect for the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and unity of states was absolutely necessary for the maintenance of peace and security in the region, the two countries stressed in the communique.

Gouled and Mengistu further underlined the need for the two states to coordinate their activities and efforts against forces hostile to their good-neighbor policy, but without naming any country as the source of hostility.

## Syria denies role in woman's killing

DAMASCUS, March 22 (AP) — Syria has denied any involvement in the killing in West Germany Tuesday of the wife of a former leader of an anti-Syrian group, official sources here said.

"We are not concerned with what may happen to this or that member of the Muslim Brotherhood gang, but in spite of this and in order to bare the truth, we stress that Syria

has no connection with what happened to the wife of Issam Attar."

Banan Attar, 37, was shot and killed by unidentified gunmen at her apartment in Aachen, West Germany Tuesday. Attar, who has been living in Germany for the past 10 years, was the leader of the Muslim Brotherhood organization until January.

## U.S. to give Egypt 2 nuclear plants

CAIRO, March 22 (AP) — The United States agreed Saturday to provide Egypt with two nuclear power plants and enough enriched uranium to run them, officials said.

American and Egyptian officials wound up three days of talks by initialing an agreement on nuclear cooperation that must be ratified

by the U.S. Congress and the Egyptian Parliament.

Egypt, which currently has no nuclear plants, initialled a similar agreement with France earlier this month. France and the United States each are to provide Egypt with two 1,000-megawatt reactors. The first reactor is expected to be finished by 1998.

## BRIEFS

NEW YORK, (AP) — An Israeli was ordered held without bail Saturday after being charged with murder in the death of an executive and the wounding to his wife. The suspect, Daniel Derbi, 23, of Queens, New York, had identified himself as a glass or mirror installer to get into the apartment of Eliot and . Ellen Hyman Feb. 27, police said.

DJIBOUTI, (R) — About 100,000 people, one-third of the population of this north-east African country, have been left homeless by floods which struck after two years of drought, the national radio reported Saturday. It said more rain had fallen since Wednesday than in all of 1980.

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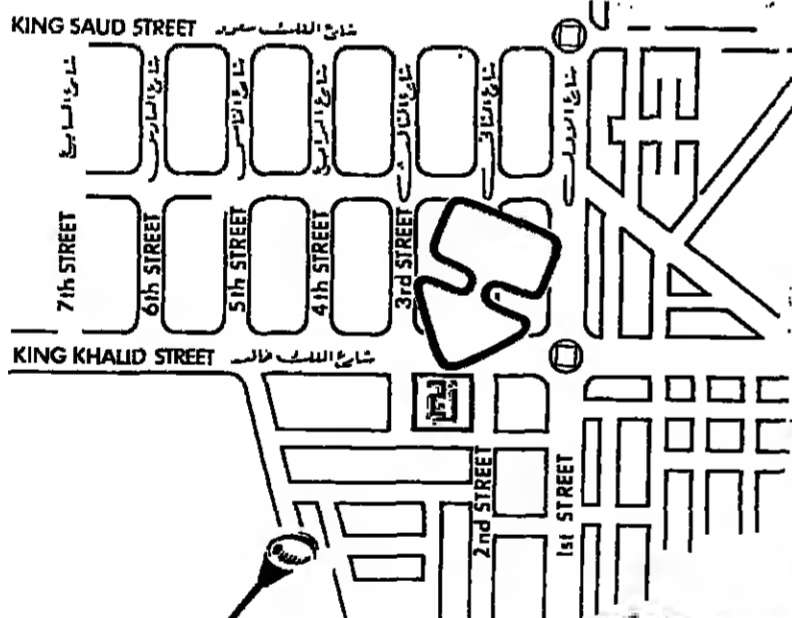


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**Toughness with Soviets vowed**

# Europe's pacifism worries America

WASHINGTON, March 22 (R) — Overnight pacifism is surfacing in Europe but the United States is determined to deal with the Soviet Union from a position of strength, President Ronald Reagan's national security adviser has said. "There is re-appearing in other countries the contemptible 'Better Red Than Dead' slogans of a generation ago," Richard Allen told an audience of conservative groups.

In his first public speech since the new president took office, Allen said Saturday Europe was confronted with an economic crisis as dangerous as that which immediately followed World War II. Unless U.S. allies gained control of their economies the future was bleak, he added.

## Accident probe may delay Columbia launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, March 22 (AP) — The investigation of the fatal accident in an engine compartment of the space shuttle Columbia could delay a fueling test Monday and push back the craft's maiden voyage, U.S. space agency officials say. Shuttle administrator John Yardley was quoted in Saturday's *Cocoa Today* newspaper as saying careful scrutiny of the Columbia's launch procedures could delay the takeoff now scheduled for the week of April 5.

The accident Thursday occurred after a successful dress-rehearsal for the launch, when an "all clear" signal indicated the engine compartment was safe to enter. But the chamber still was filled with nitrogen when five workers entered. The nitrogen was supposed to be pumped out after it drove out explosive fumes. One technician was killed, another was hospitalized in critical condition and three others were hurt less seriously. A seven-member board appointed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) was conducting a safety review, and a NASA spokesman said recommended changes would be implemented as soon as Kennedy Space Center officials could review them. The investigation was expected to take up to three weeks, right up to the launch date.

One concern of the administration was the split in the British Labor Party, which had renounced nuclear weapons as part of its official platform. Allen, who briefs President Reagan daily on foreign affairs and defense, emphasized that the United States would only negotiate with the Soviet Union from a position of strength.

The United States would modernize its weapons while it negotiated, he added. Some people in Europe believed that a cut in deployed Soviet weapons systems could be obtained through a promise not to deploy offsetting American systems, Allen said. "Common sense, as well as the long history of arms negotiations with the Soviet Union, tells us that this is a loser," he declared.

"The only way to deal with the Soviet Union is from a strong position, only if it is absolutely clear that we are in the process of fielding weapons of our own." Allen said that if talks failed, "we want to be sure that we have a stable balance anyhow — that we will offset growing Soviet strength with our own."

He gave no indication when Reagan might accept the invitation of Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev to summit talks, telling a questioner there was no particular urgency.

## 2 die in Indian firing

NEW DELHI, March 22 (AP) — Two young demonstrators were reported killed Saturday by police fire in India's violence-torn Gujarat state, racked by a seven-week agitation against a reservation system for the underprivileged, the United News of India (UNI) said.

The killings at Biliya village in Mehsana district increased the death toll in Gujarat state riots to 40.

## Cosmonauts appear on television

MOSCOW, March 22 (AP) — Two orbiting Soviet cosmonauts appeared on nationwide television Saturday night to describe the 10 days of their Soyuz-T-4 mission, which apparently involves long-term biological experiments.

"First of all we would like to tell you that we feel well," said Viktor Savinykh, on his space flight. He and fellow cosmonaut Vladimir Kovalyonkov appeared in a taped five-minute segment on the evening news show. The two men rocketed into space March 12 aboard the Soyuz T-4 space capsule, which remains docked with the Salyut-6 space station, in orbit for 3 years.

"Although adapting to space is always difficult, we have done a lot of work unloading the transport ship Progress 12," he said. Progress 12 docked with the orbiting Salyut 6 space station in January, decoupled Thursday and burned up in earth atmosphere over the Pacific late Friday, Tass said.

Savinykh said the cosmonauts made a number of routine repairs to the orbiting station, reorienting its solar cells and fixing its temperature control system and the television apparatus used in the broadcast.

"Everything is working excellently," said Savinykh. Earlier, Tass reported that the cosmonauts would speak with their families via a two-day television hook-up, although that conversation was not mentioned on the nationwide broadcast.



**JOBLESS NEAPOLITANS:** Italian police hold some of the 300 unemployed Neapolitans after they clashed with riot police in Naples employment office Monday night in a fresh outburst of violence triggered by disputes over earthquake relief efforts.

## Milan students protest clemency to extremists

ROME, March 22 (Agencies) — Angry students marched through Milan Saturday after an Italian court granted clemency to three right-wing extremists charged with masterminding the Milan Piazza Fontana attack in which 16 persons were killed and 90 wounded 12 years ago.

The Catanzaro criminal court in southern Italy Friday acquitted neo-Nazis Franco Freda and Giovanni Ventura and ex-secret service operative Guido Gianettini of responsibility in the Dec. 12, 1969, massacre on grounds of insufficient evidence. Gianettini was freed, but the other two were found guilty of "subversive association." They had staged a spectacular escape during their 1979

trial. Freda, hiding in Costa Rica, was rapidly extradited, while Ventura is currently in an Argentine prison. Their prison terms were reduced to 15 years.

At the original trial, the court attempted to prove the existence of links between extreme rightist circles implicated in the Piazza Fontana bombing and the former Italian military secret service branch. Protesting the court decision, radical party leader Marco Pannella said, "For the past six years at least, we knew we would never learn the truth about the Piazza Fontana attack because condemning the true guilty parties would have meant risking reverberations on the highest state authorities."

At Saturday's 10,000-strong demonstration, a young man interviewed by a television crew protested that "justice is no longer credible" in Italy. Press reaction was equally vehement throughout the political spectrum of newspapers.

In an unrelated development, an estimated 10,000 anti-nuclear demonstrators participated Saturday in nationwide protests against nuclear energy in Sweden.

In a consultative referendum on March 23, 1980, 58 per cent or 2.72 million voted in favor of a 12-reactor program, while 38.6 per cent or 1.81 million voted against it.

In Zurich, police fired tear gas on Saturday to dislodge about 100 demonstrators who illegally occupied a former youth center, principal flashpoint of months of civil unrest in Switzerland's largest city. By Saturday night, police said they had taken a number of persons into custody for identity checks in the latest series of clashes between authorities and discontented youths.

**Italian guards freed**  
NOVARA, Italy, March 22 (AP) — Eight maximum-security inmates released the prison warden and the captain of the guards Saturday after 10 hours of negotiations, ending a prison revolt in which two prisoners were killed, prison officials said.

The eight prisoners were transferred to two other maximum-security prisons, as they had demanded, the state's attorney's office said. Two prisoners died during the revolt, killed by other inmates who claimed they were "spies," prison officials said.

## Ku Klux Klan men hit in Meriden confrontation

MERIDEN, Connecticut, March 22 (AP) — A rally of the white supremacist Ku Klux Klan turned into a bloody confrontation Saturday when anti-Klan demonstrations began hurling rocks and bottles at the white-robed Klansmen as they hid behind a human shield of policemen. An unknown number of police and onlookers were injured as a shouting crowd chased the Klansmen up a hill. By the time the Klansmen reached safety, several had been hit in the head and shoulders with rocks and bottles. Blood stained their robes as they were escorted away.

Blacks and Hispanics shouted "cops and Klan work hand-in-hand" as police formed a barricade against police cars, some of which had their windows smashed. The violence erupted when 18 Klan members decided to leave the city hall, where they had retreated after about a group of about 125 rushed the building's step during a speech by KKK imperial wizard Bill Wilkinson.

After staying inside for about an hour, the Klan members slipped out a back door of the building under police escort. They had marched about 20 meters when onlookers began pelting them with rocks, bricks, bottles and lumber. As police formed a shield against the attackers, debris flew in from all directions. Police and Klansmen broke into a run, up the hill and onto a small park where ambulances awaited.

Police in helmets swung riot clubs at the crowd, and a police car ran interference for the Klan members as they ran up the hill. A spokesman at a Meriden hospital said seven persons were treated and released. One

woman was taken to a New Haven hospital. Meriden city manager Dana Miller credited the riot-garbed city police with stopping the violence quickly.

The violence came as the KKK and several groups opposing the Klan planned simultaneous rallies surrounding the Feb. 24 shooting and killing of Keith Rakestraw, 24, a black, by an off-duty white Meriden police officer, Eugene Hale. The KKK planned the rally in support of police in reaction to several weeks of peaceful anti-police demonstrations by community groups protesting the department's handling of the shooting investigation.

## Bogota rebel claims training in Havana

BOGOTA, Colombia, March 22 (AP) — At least 80 members of the leftist Colombian guerrilla group M-19 were trained in Cuba late last year and returned to their nation "to open up new fronts" in their anti-government campaign, a captured guerrilla has said. M-19 terrorists killed American linguist Chester A. Bitterman on March 9 after kidnapping him and holding him captive for 47 days.

Hermes Rodriguez Benitez told reporters from his bed in a military hospital in Tolimaida, 96 kms west of here, that he and some 80 others were given "rigorous training" by Cuban army officers before returning to Colombia in March. Rodriguez Benitez, 18, was wounded in a recent clash with government forces near the border with Ecuador and captured along with 75 of his comrades.

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## Ecuador-Peru fighting hits prices

By Cynthia Gorney

QUITO, Ecuador — A slightly rumpled map hangs on the back wall of the small government office here called the department of territorial sovereignty. The map is the official Ecuadoran outline of this Andean country, the geography all Quito schoolchildren memorize.

If you hold that map next to a Peruvian one of the same terrain, it becomes easier to understand why Ecuador and Peru became caught up in fighting recently in the thick mountain jungle that straddles part of their border. Total casualties are not known, but they include three U.S. airmen missing and presumed dead.

On the Peruvian map, Ecuador is a small splotch on Peru's northwestern border. On the Ecuadoran map, Ecuador is nearly twice as big — a hefty triangle stretching east toward Brazil along the Amazon river. The Amazon town of Iquitos, which Peruvians and tourists think is in the middle of the Peruvian jungle, is an Ecuadorian town on this map — the far eastern border of a giant jungle that the Ecuadorans insist is "under litigation."

The dispute is particularly grave because Peru and Ecuador are, along with Colombia, the only democratically governed nations in Spanish South America and they are key members of the troubled Andean Pact effort at economic integration.

Ever since the breakup in the last century of the massive South American nation called Gran Colombia, Peru and Ecuador have both claimed title to this jungle land, for real or alleged riches — wild rubber in 1800s, oil more recently — for river navigation rights and for the prestige of being a major Andean nation.

In 1941, after a half dozen unsuccessful efforts at international negotiation, Peruvian troops moved into the area, overpowered the poorly prepared Ecuadorans, and proposed a boundary giving Peru a vast portion of the eastern jungle.

The two countries agreed to negotiate at an international conference in Rio De Janeiro and signed an accord that gave almost all of the disputed terrain to Peru. The agreement, which became known as the Rio Protocol of 1942, has infuriated the Ecuadorans ever since.

"They took nearly half the country," said Jaime Sanchez Lemos, communications director for the Ecuadoran foreign ministry. "The United States wanted us to sign the agreement... everybody pressured Ecuador, and said, 'you will sign this treaty, senator.' In 1960, after muttering its displeasure for 20 years, Ecuador formally declared the Rio Protocol invalid. In January, just before the 39th anniversary of the protocol's signing, fighting broke out in a steep, snake-infested stretch where the protocol is supposed to separate Ecuador from Peru.

This month, generals from both countries engaged in negotiations along a part of the border that is agreed on, meeting one day on the Ecuadoran side, one day on the Peruvian side. After a week, Peruvian officials declared that a "formal but not final" cease-fire agreement had been reached. But Ecuador indicated it had not accepted the Peruvian version.

The border dispute comes at a particularly edgy time for both governments, with each country's nationalists suggesting the other may have orchestrated the fight. Peru has been increasingly uneasy in the last few months as President Fernando Belaunde Terry has imposed what he says is a much-needed austerity program.

Price increases of up to 50 per cent for gasoline and staple foods provoked violent demonstrations and a 24-hour general strike last January, two weeks before the first border incident.

In Ecuador, three weeks after the countries began to fight, Roldo announced a dramatic but long-expected increase in the price of gasoline.

Ecuador, an OPEC member that exports modest amounts of oil, had held the local gasoline price at 17 cents per gallon. He raised it 300 per cent, increasing bus and taxi fares accordingly. In the demonstrations that followed Roldo's announcement, a student was shot to death. "Whenever there has been a very weak government in Ecuador, they have infiltrated," Peruvian land, said Peruvian Foreign Minister Javier Arias Stella.

"There has been a dispute, and they have polarized the country around the government and tried to mobilize some popularity around the dispute."

— (WP)



## 'Korean problem' confronts Reagan

By Donald L. Ranard

LOS ANGELES — Over the past 30 years, every American president has been confronted by "the Korean problem." For some it came early in their administrations, for others it came late, but none escaped the dilemma.

President Harry S. Truman courageously sent American troops to Korea under the banner of the United Nations to repel aggression from the north. Even before entering the White House, Dwight D. Eisenhower went to Korea to end the war. Four months after his inauguration, John F. Kennedy faced Gen. Park Chung Hee's coup. Lyndon B. Johnson was confronted by the seizure of the Pueblo, Richard M. Nixon by Park's dreaded Yushin constitution, which among other things, eliminated direct election and gave Park even more dictatorial powers. Gerald R. Ford by Koreaagate, and Jimmy Carter by Park's headlong rush to ultimate authoritarianism and his assassination in October 1979.

Now another American administration has taken office only to be met again by the same problem. This time it revolves around the fate of Kim Dae Jung, the Korean opposition leader who was sentenced to death on charges of sedition which the U.S. Department of State has called "far-fetched," and who underwent a trial that defied acceptable international standards of justice.

Three days after his inauguration, President Reagan, elected on a promise of hard-nosed diplomacy based on linkage, made an unpalatable deal with the Korean military: spare Kim Dae Jung, and Korea's Gen. Chun Doo Hwan could visit the

United States. But, given an innocent Kim wrongly tried and convicted, is this best that could have been exacted from the Korean military? and, more important, is this justice?

In his first press conference, Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. said that "there were no deals" regarding Kim's fate. The evidence is otherwise.

It is no secret that the Korean military, like its counterparts in Latin America, favored Reagan in the recent American election. Subsequently, in both Seoul and Washington, it escalated its representations to the Reagan transition team, attempting to assess Reagan's policy toward Seoul.

Messages were passed from Reagan's men that Kim's execution would sour the atmosphere of bilateral relationship. The Koreans had already heard this from Carter's State Department, but, as a defeated president, his warning had little effect. From Reagan's transition team, however, the message carried an ominous warning. Shrewd negotiators, Chun's emissaries then angled for a visit by his boss, and the deal was struck.

While it may not constitute a "deal" in Haig's terminology, both sides were not talking past each other — they understood the terms. Haig also has said that Chun's visit to the United States was not politically motivated in terms of Korea's national elections, which will take place this month. At worst Haig is badly informed, at best dissembling.

In every election in Korea since 1948, the strength of a Korean candidate's ties to Washington has been an important factor. In 1971, it was essential that Park Chung Hee be able to show that he was "Washington's boy." Indeed, it was for this

reason that he sent Chung Il Kwon, his former prime minister, to Washington in December 1970 to court on his behalf the favor of the Department of State and the Pentagon. And it was for that reason that Park frantically tried to block an appointment in January 1971 by Secretary of State William Rogers with Kim Dae Jung during his visit to Washington for the same purpose.

For years Washington has claimed that it was not interfering in Korea's domestic affairs. This was all too frequently its feeble excuse for not commenting publicly about Park Chung Hee's disregard for human rights. But, by agreeing to see Chun Doo Hwan in Washington on the eve of Korea's national election, Reagan is blatantly demonstrating a preference for Chun's candidacy and leadership. One can reasonably ask whether Washington will accord the same high-level treatment to other Korean candidates should they also choose to come to the United States before the elections.

Washington's nod at this critical juncture is being rationalized as an effort to bolster Chun against other generals and young Turks who supposedly have been opting for a continued tight rein of civilian affairs and greater independence from Washington. Supposedly we are being told that Chun will now be enabled to pursue a more moderate course internally.

Chun a moderate? Someone is either misreading recent Korean affairs or deliberately preying on Korean and American gullibility. Wasn't it Chun who seized power after Park's assassination because he believed that the interim leaders were turning away from Park's legacy of repression and terror? (LAT)

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## Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers Sunday mostly led with the royal appreciation of the local newspapers for their commendable coverage of the third Islamic summit conference which was recently held in Mecca and Taif. The appreciation was conveyed by Minister of Information Dr. Muhammad Ahdou Yamani in a meeting with the editors of local newspapers in Riyadh Saturday. Meanwhile, *Al-Riyadh* reported in a lead story that Saudi Arabian armed forces have obtained a C-130 aircraft to be used as the first flying doctor of its kind in remote and desert areas. *Al Medina* and *Al Bilad* led with Jordanian King Hussein's messages for King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd, brought to the Kingdom by Marwan Qassem, the foreign minister of Jordan.

Newspapers frontpaged the information minister's meeting with the editors of local newspapers, in which he reviewed the developments of Arab issues and reiterated that the state was concerned for the affairs of journalists in the Kingdom. *Al Bilad* gave front-page prominence to the United Arab Emirates' opposition to any hike in the prices of oil. The restoration of diplomatic ties between Egypt and Sudan figured prominently in the newspapers which also reported British Defense Secretary John Nott's imminent arrival in the Kingdom.

*Okaz* said in a broad front-page story that Guinean President Ahmed Sekou Toure is to hold an important meeting with Bangladeshi President Zia-ur-Rahman in Jeddah Sunday in connection with the ceasefire between Iraq and Iran. In another prominent story, *Okaz* reported that a team of experts from

the Islamic states would meet in Kuwait early next month to draft a statute for the Islamic Court of Justice.

Newspaper editorials expressed concern with the Iraq-Iran armed conflict which has entered into its seventh month now. They regretted its continuance and said it would bring untold losses to the Islamic nation as a whole. Some newspapers discussed the developments in the Arab issue at the international level. Discussing the war between Iraq and Iran, *Al Jazirah* noted that the continuance of the bloody conflict would not solve the problem but would only bring further harm to both Iran and Iraq which have already lost countless lives of innocent people and have suffered more than 50 per cent set-back in their productive capacity. The paper said the states of the Gulf are concerned with this war and its harmful effects on the region. It, however, expressed the hope that Iran would favorably respond to some political initiatives being made by the Islamic goodwill committee to create good conditions for a ceasefire between the two countries. Considering the goodwill committee as the most suitable and capable body to work for the ceasefire, the paper hoped its efforts would be crowned with success in the best interests of the two countries and the Islamic nation as a whole.

Commenting on the upcoming visit of U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig to the Middle East, *Al Yom* observed that the principal cause of tension in the region is Israel and its occupation of the Arab lands. Even before the Soviet Union launched an invasion of Afghanistan, this cause was already in

existence in the region, said the paper, adding that the Soviets took this step, encouraged by the presence of continuous tension and the usurpation of Arab rights in Palestine. The paper expressed the confidence that a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict would tend to restore peace and stability not only in the Middle East but in the world as a whole.

On the anniversary of Al-Karamah battle, *Al Nadwa* noted that in this battle the Arab forces had achieved a big victory over the Zionist forces. The paper asked what the Arabs should do now to record such victories in their history, and reiterated that only serious efforts would guarantee the liberation of usurped rights from the Zionists.

In an editorial, *Al Bilad* dealt with the Kingdom's role at the international level, saying it has worked constructively in denouncing any attempt at the progress and prosperity of the Arabs. The Kingdom's support for the Palestine issue and the liberation of Islamic sanctities is the direct outcome of a coordinated action with a spirit of Islamic unity and solidarity.

Discussing the information minister's meeting with the editors of local newspapers and the royal appreciation of the newspapers coverage of the Mecca Islamic summit, *Al Medina* noted that the contribution of the press had come with a sense of obligation toward Islam and Muslims. The paper added that the royal appreciation is an honor to journalism and the country's journalists. It would spur them to employ every available effort in the service of Islamic and national goals, added the paper.



# Richness marks Syrian cuisine

By Kathy Lund

JEDDAH — To the layman, national cooking styles are an overall thing. To the expert and practitioner, regions and personalities ensure that one national dish is never cooked the same way.

Thus, while the food of the Middle East — to an uninitiated outsider at least — might be summed up by stuffed vine leaves, tabbouleh, humus, kibbeh and other such well known delicacies, those actually native to the region know such dishes only scratch the surface of Middle Eastern cuisine.

"While there are dishes and flavors generally common to the whole of the Middle East," explains Jerusalem-born Hanan Murad, "regional and national differences are great. The Lebanese, for example, are famous for the myriad of small dishes they present at the dinner table. The Syrians might be described as the merch of the Middle East. Their cuisine is very rich and intricate. They specialize in time-consuming delicacies such as snuffed squash. Their food is very good."

"On the other hand, Jordanian food is more straightforward. The emphasis is on good, basic, nutritious ingredients — fresh fruit and vegetables, yoghurt, meat, rice and bread. You could say, it has more in common

with the food of Saudi Arabia than with other Arab countries."

Despite this, adds Hanan, the food of Jordan also reflects the general flavor of the Middle East in spices such as cardamom and cumin, and ingredients such as pine nuts. This flavor is one of the cultural legacies remaining from the long Turkish occupation of the Middle East.

The everyday Jordanian diet follows a regular pattern, says Hanan. Variations are added to a regular theme of onions fried in olive oil to which is added a mixture of fresh and canned tomatoes. This is left to simmer on the stove for some time. To this some fresh greens are added, maybe string beans one day or okra the next. The mixture can then be eaten with cooked meat, rice and bread.

"It is fairly plain food, but tasty and nutritious with its use of fresh vegetables and meat," says Hanan. "Also, yoghurt products are eaten in conjunction, often as a drink, so the overall meal is very wholesome."

Hanan recently demonstrated a popular country dish: Spiced chicken is covered with an onion and olive oil mix, layered on fresh bread called "tamis" and eaten with a refreshing yoghurt drink. The chicken pieces are cooked in the oven after being covered with olive oil, salt, pepper and a regional

spice called "sumak". The onion sauce is made by dicing large quantities of onions — at least a kilo — covering them with olive oil, adding again sumak, salt, pepper, cardamom and cumin, then simmering on the stove for some hours.

At meal time (it's usually eaten as a daytime dish) place the chicken on the "tamis", cover with onion mixture, and finally sprinkle with pine nuts that have been cooked in mazola oil. Hanan is one of those natural cooks whose recipes tend to vary with each making. Thus, to arrive at quantities and measurements she advises cooks to experiment to suit their own tastes.

She also offers some other interesting recipes which again reflect her basic concepts of Middle Eastern and regional Jordanian cooking. Fattah with yoghurt is an ideal dish to use as a starter in a meal which is presented in the Western style. The word "fattah" refers to the Arabic bread which is broken into small pieces.

## FATTEH WITH YOGHURT

Cut two loaves of Arabic bread into small squares and roast the squares in the oven or fry them in Mazola oil, make chicken stock with stock cube (you will need enough to cover the bread); bring to the boil and add salt, pepper, cardamom and garlic if you wish; Mix together three cups yoghurt, two cloves minced garlic, dash salt, and one tablespoon lemon juice; just before serving, place the roasted bread in a large dish; spoon chicken broth on to the roasted bread and add yoghurt mixture on top to cover the entire dish and garnish with chopped parsley and fried pine nuts.

A variation of this recipe will suit those who enjoy more spicy tastes. The recipe is basically the same but includes some tasty extras which make it a more substantial dish: Cut two loaves of Arabic bread into small squares and roast the squares in the oven or fry them in Mazola oil; skin an eggplant, cut into cubes or rounds, deep fry and drain well; mash canned whole tomatoes with a fork and pour into a saucepan with all juice; add eggplant, beef broth cube, one tablespoon Maggi chili sauce and simmer for some time; mix together three cups yoghurt, two cloves minced garlic, dash salt, one tablespoon lemon juice, two tablespoons tahina. Keep all the mixtures separate until it's time to serve then layer bread, tomato sauce and yoghurt mixture. Garnish with chopped parsley and pine nuts which have been fried in Mazola oil.

## LENTIL VEGETABLE SOUP

Ingredients required: two or three cups of red lentils; Three whole onions peeled; three whole tomatoes; one clove garlic, salt and pepper. Method: Thoroughly wash lentils, cover with cold water in a pressure cooker; add onions, tomatoes, garlic, salt and pepper; bring to boil and remove from heat. Press through a strainer and pour the soup into a pan; add two tablespoons butter and one tablespoon cumin and heat just to boiling. If desired, fry sliced bread and add to top while serving.

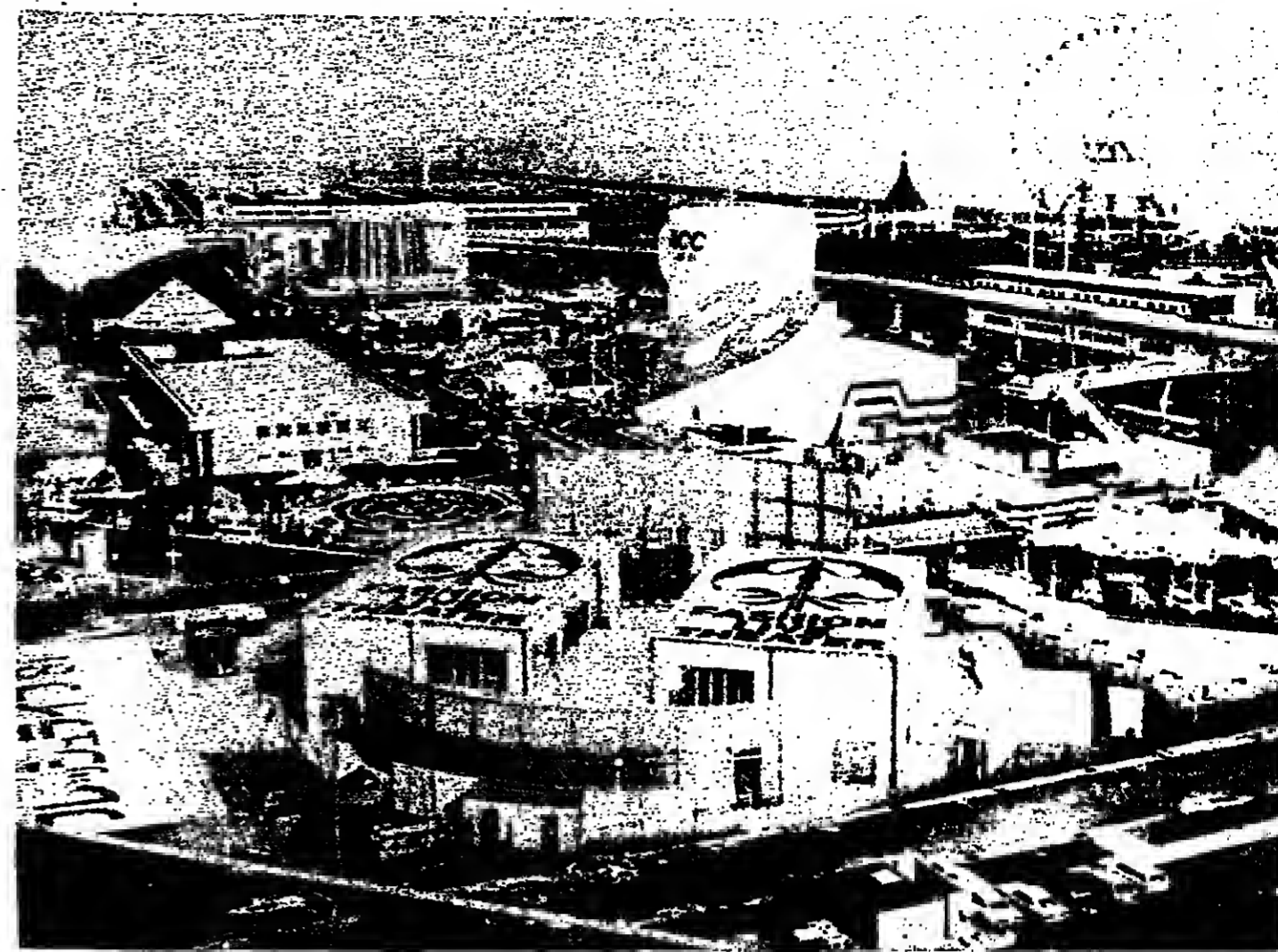
## Deep-frozen food shunned in France

By Paul Webster

PARIS, (ONS) — French haute cuisine is about to step down into the street and rub shoulders with the common stock of deep-frozen fish fingers and hamburger steaks sold in supermarkets. Michel Guerard, 46, one of France's main exponents of "la nouvelle cuisine," has agreed to collaborate with Finodus, a subsidiary of Nestlé, in the production of the country's first-ever TV dinners. Such an association, hope the manufacturers, may at last break down French resistance to deep-frozen food.

Guerard, whose restaurant at Eugénie-Bains in southwest France rates three stars in the Michelin Guide, says he has only entered into the agreement "out of curiosity" for what he terms "industrial food." Starting this month, eight of Guerard's haute cuisine dinners and four sauces will be sold in supermarkets on a trial basis. Frozen foods are still widely mistrusted in France while haute cuisine forms part of the country's culture. Mass-produced, frozen haute cuisine is as incongruous as a disco at the opera.

The market place with its array of fresh fruit, vegetables and meat is still favored by most French housewives, while three-star restaurants are the temples of a national religion based on stomach worship. Several French chefs and restaurants have also ren-



PAVILIONS: International pavilions are soon erected for Portopia '81 Kobe Port Island Exposition, which opened last week for a 180-day celebration to mark the completion of 436-hectare island and introduce the man-made island to the world.

## Kobe: an engineering feat

By Jim Abrams

KOBE, Japan (AP) — The port city of Kobe opened "Portopia '81," a six-month exposition to celebrate the completion of a 15-year urban expansion project in which a mountain was moved to the sea. Portopia's 32 pavilions, with the latest in computer gadgetry and audio-visual wizardry, are expected to bring 13 million visitors to port island, a flat, man-made island in Kobe Bay. Kobe is Japan's second largest port after Yokohama.

Covering 1,077 acres and built at a cost of \$2.5 billion, the port island is a multipurpose complex being promoted as "the new cultural city on the sea." It has 28 berths to handle container ships and liners, apartment complexes to eventually house 20,000, an international square now occupied by the exposition and an amusement park with a 207-foot high ferris wheel, claimed by city officials to be the world's highest.

There also is a 32-story hotel, a sports

center, a home for the aged, and public schools. A 1,000-bed hospital to serve the city is planned. The island is linked to downtown Kobe three kilometers away by a highway and the "portliner," an unmanned, computer-controlled train. Land is always at a premium in this densely crowded nation — nowhere more than in this western city of 1,370,000, squeezed into a narrow corridor between mountains and the sea. City fathers thus decided in 1966 that the city had nowhere left to grow except into the sea.

Some 80 million cubic meters of dirt was carried from the Suma hill east of the city along a 7,400-meter conveyor belt and loaded on barges for transport to the new island. Kobe Mayor Tatsuo Miyazaki said the project was able to "kill two birds with one stone" by providing housing for 12,000 people on the chopped-off mountaintop. City officials say the project, financed by municipal bonds, will eventually pay for itself through the sale of space for container berths and land for private residence and enterprises.

While the island is certainly an engineering feat, it falls well short of "a new utopia," as one brochure calls it. Park space and public facilities are adequate compared to many urban areas of Japan, but the setting is dominated by the stark container storage areas that run along three sides of the island, and there has been some criticism of the development as a huge white elephant.

Port island officials express confidence that the apartment blocks eventually will be filled, but concede there has been no rush so far, particularly by families. Some of the best customers have been bar and cabaret hostesses who work in the Sannomiya entertainment district across the bay.

Kobe, already the world's largest container

port ahead of Rotterdam and New York, is still in the island-making business. Just east of the port island the barges are pushing dirt into what will be Rokko island, an even bigger landfill project which will be home for 30,000 when completed in 1985. Portopia, said the exposition's assistant chief of public relations Tadao Tomita, "is one means by which we hope to sell the name of port island."

He said some 70,000 people a day are expected to visit the fair during its 180-day run, spending more than \$432 million at the exhibits, shops and restaurants. Tomita said that because the exposition is regionally sponsored it will be smaller and less international than most world fairs. Even so, there will be displays from 32 nations and foreign cities, including Kobe's sister port cities of Seattle, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Marseilles and Tianjin, China. Two pandas have been brought from the Tianjin Zoo.

The theme of the fair is man's relationship with the sea and earth, and 22 Japanese companies are using electronic wizardry to put on a dazzling light and sound show. One pavilion has a "super round theater" in which visitors view films on a 360-degree screen while riding a rotating gallery. Another has a computerized water fountain in which 6,036 ozozles and laser rays combine to form animated images to the accompaniment of electronic synthesizer music.

Visitors can sit in front of giant panoramic screens for simulated rides in the cockpit of a space ship, or along the bottom of the sea in a submarine. They can visit Japan's largest planetarium, tinker with a variety of robots and computer games or see a doll show accompanied by five-dimensional, 18-channel superstereophonic sound. When portopia closes Sept. 15, most of the pavilions will be torn down and the land sold to private shops and restaurants.

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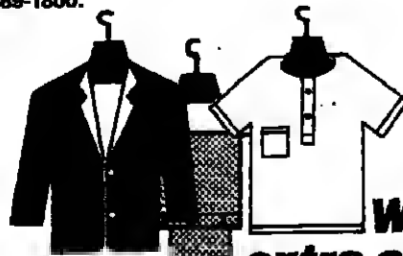


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# Cavaliers make NCAA playoffs

NEW YORK, March 22 (AP) — The Virginia Cavaliers and North Carolina Tar Heels, a pair of Atlantic Coast Conference colleagues, resoundingly won their respective regional championships Saturday and rolled into the elite final four of the NCAA Basketball playoffs.

The fifth-ranked Cavaliers won their way to the championship round in Philadelphia next weekend by drubbing No. 16 Brigham Young 74-60 in the East Regional title-game at Atlanta.

It will be the first trip to the final for the Cavaliers, whose only previous appearance in the NCAA playoffs was 1976, when they were bounced out in the first round.

Sixth-ranked North Carolina romped over Kansas State 82-68 and moved into the final four for the seventh time in history. It is the sixth trip to the championship round in 15 years for coach Dean Smith, who has finished runner-up two of those times but never won the National title.

The Tar Heels' only National Championship came in 1957 under Frank McGuire, when they took a triple-overtime thriller over Kansas.

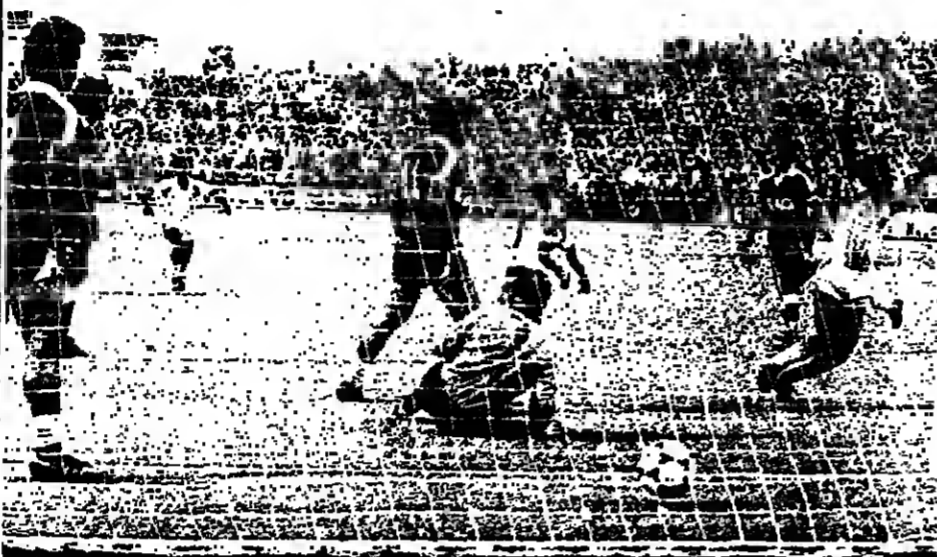
The Cavaliers and Tar Heels will meet next Saturday as part of the national semifinal doubleheader. The other semifinal game will pit the winners of Sunday's regional championships involving St. Joseph's (Pennsylvania) and Indiana in the midwest at Bloomington, Indiana, and Wichita State and Louisiana State in the midwest at New Orleans.

Ralph Sampson scored 14 of his game-high 22 points in the second half to help Virginia take control Saturday. The Cavaliers trailed by as much as seven points in the first half, and took control shortly after intermission behind their 7-foot-4 center.

BYU, of the Western Athletic Conference, never was in contention over the final nine minutes after the Cavaliers built their lead to 11 points.

"When Sampson got going, it got very difficult for us," said BYU coach Frank Arnold. "You can't get behind on Virginia because it makes you dictate certain things you must do on defense. When we were down six points we were faced with two problems Sampson and the deficit."

"Once they got the lead and Sampson went to the sky hooks and jumpers, we were in trouble. There ought to be a law against 7-foot-4 guys making 18-footers."



**FLYING START:** Saudi Arabia overcame a stiff hurdle in their bid to top the Asian Group Two World Soccer Cup pre-qualifying round when they got past fabled Iraq 1-0 Saturday. The match, which left a sour taste in the mouth of many, saw the home team exert pressure in the second session with the inclusion of Saleh Khalifa and managed to get the match-winner eight minutes from close. The picture on the left shows Amin Dahn expressing his joy after he deflected a Yusuf Khamis shot past Iraq goalkeeper Raad Hamoudi while above the star forward, Yusuf Khamis, collides with an Iraqi defender in a bid for the ball. Looking on from left are Fahd Munsabeh and Ahmad Saghir of Saudi Arabia and Iraqi striker Hussain Said. At extreme right is Saudi defender Muhammad Abdul.

## Carlos Jones sparkles

BIENOS AIRES, Argentina, March 22 (AP) — Carlos Lavado Jones of Venezuela, riding a Yamaha, won the pole position Saturday in the 250-cubic centimeter engine motorcycle race of the Argentine Grand Prix.

Jones clocked 1 minute 58.75 seconds on his fastest lap around the 4,208-meter Municipal Autodrome Circuit. It was the best time in three trials Friday and Saturday among 29 competitors.

Gramme Geddes of Australia, on a Yamaha, qualified third. Defending world champion Anthony Mang of West Germany was far back in 25th place on a Kawasaki.

Drivers from Europe, Australia, the United States and South America battled for position in two other time trials, the 125-cc and 350-cc engine categories. All finals are scheduled Sunday.

Seven-time world champion Angel Nieto of Spain, led 16 qualifiers in the 125-cc engine category, beating Loris Reggiani and defending champion Pierpablo Bianchi of Italy to the pole position.

## Al Quraysh scores 6-wicket victory

DAMMAM, March 22 — Al Quraysh scored a fine six-wicket victory over Lahore Cricket Club in the Al Quraysh Trading Corporation sponsored Eastern Province Cricket Association tournament Friday.

Lahore C.C. making first use of the wicket were dismissed for 169, thanks to Rashid who scored a fine 76 and Khaleel (39). But Al Quraysh, with Wasim hitting an unbeaten 85 and Aftab contributing a solid 39, crossed the target at the expense of just four wickets.

## In U.S. pentathlon

# Hungary forges ahead

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 22 (AP) — Australia's Alex Watson negotiated the 17 obstacles in the fastest time to move ahead of 12 other riders who finished the 600-meter equestrian jumping course with perfect scores Saturday in the first day of competition in the U.S. Invitation Pentathlon Competition.

Inke Schmitz of West Germany moved into first place in the women's individual standings after scoring 971 out of possible 1,000 points in the fencing event.

Hungary, with 4,310 points, took first place in the men's team standings and Great Britain, with 3,304 points, first in the women's after one day of the five-day competition.

The five events, conducted one competition a day, include riding, fencing, pistol shooting, swimming and cross country running. Sunday's schedule includes men's fencing and women's riding.

In the men's division, Italy and the U.S. 'A' team tied for second place with 4,250 points, and the U.S. 'B' team completed the first day in fourth place with 4,160 points.

Poland, which won a bronze medal at the Moscow Olympics, was in fifth place with 4,132 points and Olympic silver medal winner Sweden was in sixth place with 4,042.

Great Britain was seventh with 3,992 followed by Australia 3,270; France 3,138; Czechoslovakia 3,095; Canada 2,956; Spain 1,100; Japan 1,054; Hungary 'B' 1,040; Finland 1,010; Mexico 950 and the U.S. 'C' 906.

Absent from the event, organized as an alternative to the U.S.-boycotted 1980 Olympics, were the Soviets. The Russian men beat five other teams to win in Moscow.

The U.S. women's 'A' team finished second in the fencing with 2,985 points followed by West Germany 2,594; Sweden 2,478; the U.S. 'B' 1,956; Canada, 1,246 and Denmark with 797.

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## البنك السعودي البريطاني The Saudi British Bank Invitation to Shareholders to attend the Ordinary General Meeting

The Board of Directors has the pleasure to invite the Bank's Shareholders to attend the Third Ordinary General Meeting to be held on 15 April 1981 (11 Jumad al Thani 1401) at 4.30 PM. (Shareholders are requested to arrive not later than 4.00 PM) at the RIYADH PALACE HOTEL, Riyadh to consider the following Agenda:

- 1) To approve the Board of Directors Report on the Bank's activities during the year ending the 31st of December 1980.
- 2) To approve the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Account as at December 31st 1980 and relieve the Directors from their liability therefore.
- 3) To approve the declaration of dividends as recommended by the Board of Directors.
- 4) To appoint the Auditors for the financial year 1981 and to fix their remuneration.

According to Article 32 of the Bank's Articles of Association each Shareholder holding title to at least ten shares shall have right to attend the Ordinary General Meeting. The Shareholder has the right to delegate another Shareholder who is not a Director to attend the meeting and to vote on the Resolutions taken thereat. The wording of the required proxy is as given below.

A Shareholder attending the meeting should bring with him his Identity Card & Share Certificate or letters of allotment issued by the Bank, to identify himself and to establish the number of shares owned by him and by the Shareholder or Shareholders whom he represents.

Shareholders wishing to attend the Meeting are requested to register their names and the number of shares they own or represent at the Bank's Head Office in Sharia Dabaab upto two days before the Meeting. The Shareholder when doing so will be given his Voting Card.

Shareholders are requested to note that the register will be closed from 16 April 1981 to 22 April 1981 inclusive for the purpose of preparing dividend warrants.

Board of Directors  
THE SAUDI BRITISH BANK  
(A Saudi Joint Stock Company)  
Commercial Registration No. 25779 (Riyadh)

### PROXY

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Southampton moves to third spot

Ipswich, Aston Villa crash

LONDON, March 22 (AP) — Ipswich and Aston Villa, fighting it out stride by stride for an English Soccer Championship, both slipped Saturday. Ipswich, lacking four regular players through injury, went down 2-1 to Manchester City.

goal from defender Terry Butcher, but Mickey Thomas equalized shortly afterwards and Jimmy Nicholl hit a second half winner for United.

The Merseyside rivals battled for supremacy in wind and rain and made a lot of mistakes in the difficult conditions. And a mistake settled the game. With 13 minutes left Jimmy Case booted a corner hard into the goalmouth and Everton's John Bailey sliced the ball into his own net.



ON TARGET: Tottenham's Garth Crooks (right) uses his stinging left to score his team's first goal against Aston Villa. Tottenham won 2-0.

France wins rugby crown

LONDON, March 22 (R) — France deposed England as Five-Nations Rugby Union Champions at Twickenham Saturday by beating them 16-12.

Soccer Results table with columns for English Division One, Scottish Premier Division, and Division Two, listing teams and scores.

Connors sails into final

ROTTERDAM, The Netherlands, March 22 (AP) — A brilliantly playing Jimmy Connors reached the final of the \$175,000 Rotterdam International Tennis Tournament Saturday by defeating his countryman Brian Tipton in two straight sets 6-2, 6-3.

Connors frequently received cheers and applause from the 3,000 spectators as he won a first set in 45 minutes with pure power which left Gottfried gasping for breath at 2-0.

It took Joe Hinigan 13 months to score his first goal for Sunderland but has now scored four in three games. He scored two brilliant goals in this game — in the sixth and 86th minutes. In between came a penalty goal by Stan Cummins.

Jaeckel in driver's seat

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida, March 22 (AP) — Barry Jaeckel, a movie star's son but a golfing longshot, fought his way through gusty winds to a round of par 72 and stretched his lead to three strokes Saturday in the third round of the Tournament Players' Championship.

offers \$72,008 to the winner from the total purse of \$440,000. John Mahaffey, Jim Simons and Canadian Dan Halldorson shared second at 214, three strokes off the pace.

Kelly hammers England attack

PLYMOUTH, Monserrat March 22 (AP) — Luther Kelly, a tall and well built 26-year-old policeman from St. Kitts, launched a furious assault on England's bowlers on the opening day of the four-day cricket match against the Leeward Islands here Saturday.

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**Government programs**

# Reagan set to launch attack on waste, fraud

WASHINGTON, March 22 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan is about to launch an assault on waste and fraud in U.S. government programs as the "unspoken fifth leg of his economic program." White House press secretary James S. Brady has said.

The presidential spokesman said the attack would be opened on several fronts in the next couple of weeks and would be highlighted by the filing of charges in an unspecified number of major fraud investigations that have been underway for months or even years.

He refused to be specific, saying, "We don't want anyone to escape" before the government is ready to move against its suspects. Nor would Brady give any indication of how much money may be involved. The investigations involved are some that were being conducted by independent inspectors general in various departments.

## Costa Rica announces record coffee harvest

SAN JOSE, March 22 (R) — Costa Rica has announced a record coffee harvest of about 114,000 tons, as other leading exporters also report bumper crops.

Expected high production in 1980-81 has driven down the world price of coffee, and the international coffee organization (ICO) has agreed export quotas to try to support the price. The head of the country's coffee company, Mario Fernandez Urpi, told reporters that the low price was hitting Costa Rica's coffee revenue, while the ICO quota also limits its exports to 90,000 tons.

other initiatives in the first two months of his presidency, includes four distinct parts: Proposed budget cuts of nearly \$50 billion a three-year, 30-per cent income tax cut, drastic pruning of U.S. government regulations and a coordinated effort to stabilize the money supply.

Meanwhile, the Washington Post said Sunday the administration of Reagan plans selling more than two thirds of its stockpiled silver next year, some 50 million ounces.

The sale, the newspaper said, would be part of plans recently outlined by Reagan for reducing stockpiles of strategic materials of a limited defense interest, while increasing the more useful ones. Such a sale might net the government coffers some \$500 million, the paper said.

## Walkout disrupts Gatwick Airport

LONDON, March 22 (R) — London's Gatwick Airport was plunged into chaos when immigration staff staged a three-hour walkout over a pay claim.

The stoppage Sunday was the latest acts in a campaign of disruption by 530,000 British civil servants who have rejected a seven per cent pay rise offer. Immigration sources said there was only passports of incoming passengers and a queue stretched round the inside of the airport terminal. Thirty flights were delayed. Gatwick, London's second airport after Heathrow, was already affected by a customs officers' go-slow.

Civil servants are pressing for 15 per cent pay rises and complain they are suffering from Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's attempt to hold down state spending. Staff are also on strike at Britain's three main company tax collection centers, forcing the government to divert payments to other offices and employ senior staff on revenue processing.

## U.S. car imports

### Bonn warns against curbs

PRINCETON, New Jersey, March 22 (AP) — West Germany cautioned the Reagan administration Saturday that blocking imports of foreign cars could touch off a trade war among the allied countries.

"The free exchange of goods and services must remain an integral part of the West's free market order," Economics Minister Otto Graf Lambsdorff said. He spoke to a conference on U.S.-German relations here after talks in Washington.

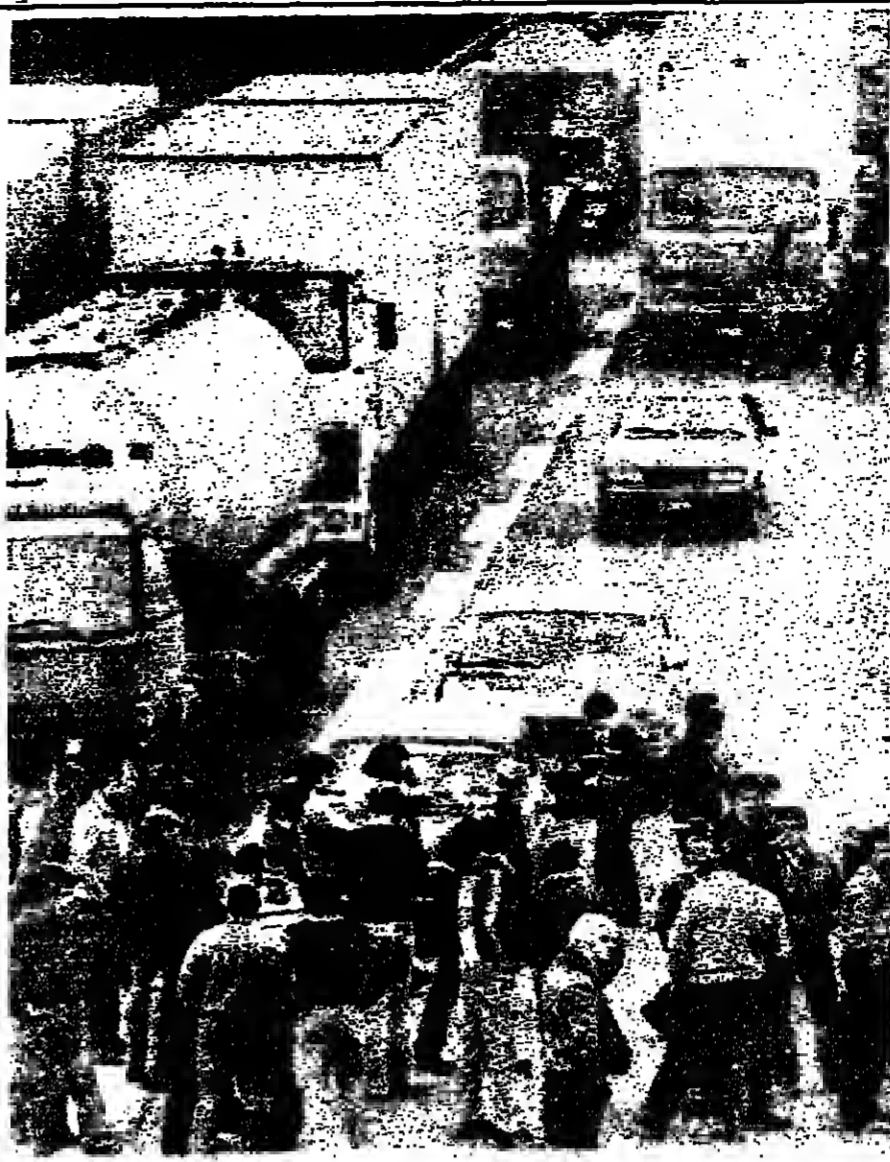
Any move to protect the American auto industry by blocking imports, which have gained a big share of the U.S. market, is likely to lead to retaliation, Lambsdorff said. But he gave a little ground by acknowledging that

sometimes temporary restraints on trade are indispensable.

West Germany and Japan have cut into the American market with small and efficient cars. Their sales here helped spur gigantic economic progress at home since World War II. The German minister suggested troubled industries rely on private initiative "instead of cries for government intervention." He said they should be willing to accept risks instead of requesting subsidies.

Inside the Reagan administration, a debate is underway on whether to raise barriers against foreign cars. American manufacturers have just gone through their worst financial period in history. "The most important thing," Lambsdorff said, "is to spread the awareness that the countries of the alliance — I am including Japan here — are all in the same boat in terms of their economies."

"Attempts to solve indigenous problems unilaterally, or in opposition to other trade partners, are from the start probably doomed to failure." At the same time, the German minister urged the administration to decontrol national gas prices. And he said all the Western allies must reduce oil imports. "This will not only help to alleviate our current economic problems," Lambsdorff said. "It will also reduce our vulnerability to political blackmail." West Germany's economy, long the powerhouse of Europe, has slowed to a growth rate of less than one per cent a year. High oil costs — the country imports about half its energy — is a major reason.



COUNTER DEMONSTRATION: Belgium truck drivers block the traffic between France and Belgium at the border station of Reckem last week, moments after French farmers from Brittany had themselves blocked the traffic on the other end of the road to protest against the Belgium exports of potatoes to France.

## EEC summit conference begins today

MAASTRICHT, Netherlands, March 22 (AFP) — Two thousand Dutch policemen moved into a former convent here this weekend to guard Common Market leaders who look set for a serious row during a two-day European council Monday and Tuesday.

The summit meeting of the 10-nation European Economic Community (EEC), billed until recently as a probably drab affair in this provincial city of 100,000, has developed signs of a major confrontation. British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt will be coming fully armed for battle over main EEC policy lines.

The conflicts in prospect are no longer between individual members and the community as a whole, but rather clashes between strictly national interests. Fishing: London and Bonn can be expected to tangle, with Chancellor Schmidt defending 15,000 fishermen threatened with being thrown out of work by British blocking of an agreement with Canada over the cod banks where West German trawlers have long counted on rich hauls. Britain is stalling on the deal in a bid to force a compromise — mainly with France — over limiting access to British waters for community fishermen.

Steel: Bonn faces a dispute with Paris and London which both favor protective measures for their industries. Agriculture: The usual free-for-all is in prospect, with no agreement on prices likely until at least after the French presidential elections in May, although they should be set by April 1.

The EEC, represented by heads of state and/or government and by foreign ministers, will meet under particularly somber economic circumstances, with no immediate hope of clearing skies.

## Pilot's defection

### Libya delaying oil supply, says Greece

ATHENS, March 22, (R) — Libyan oil shipments to Greece have been delayed recently, but the Greek government has no evidence of any change in Libyan policies on its exports, a foreign office spokesman has said.

He was commenting Saturday on Greek press reports which said Libya had suspended oil shipments to Greece. The reports said Libya had taken the move in retaliation for Greece's refusal to hand over a Libyan pilot who landed his Soviet-built Mig-23 jet

fighter in Crete last month and sought political asylum.

The spokesman said: "Except for certain delays in oil deliveries lately, we have no evidence to support any change of policy by Libya toward Greece regarding oil supplies to this country."

Both pro-government and opposition newspapers reported that Libya had suspended oil deliveries, in retaliation for Greece's refusal to return the pilot to Libya which had sought his extradition. The pilot was handed over to the United Nations high Commissioner for Refugees.

Commenting on the press reports Saturday, Foreign Minister Constantine Mitsotakis said the Greek government had acted in accordance with international law in its handling of the pilot's case. A Libyan spokesman told reporters Saturday he hoped all minor misunderstandings in relations between the two countries would be overcome soon and that shipments of oil would be resumed. He declined to elaborate on the nature of the misunderstanding.

## Foreign Exchange Rates

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Belgian Franc (1,000)	99.00	112.00	—
Canadian Dollar	2.83	—	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	162.00	163.00	162.80
Dutch Guilder (100)	146.00	—	147.10
Egyptian Pound	—	4.10	4.25
Emirate Dirham (100)	—	91.10	91.40
French Franc (100)	69.00	69.25	69.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	—	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	40.80
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	8.25	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	33.00	33.50	33.40
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.01	—	16.30
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.58	10.54
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.28	12.27
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	85.00	84.60
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	72.00	71.50
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.00
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	44.50
Pound Sterling	7.61	7.65	7.59
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	92.25	92.30
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	160.70
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	40.00
Swiss Franc (100)	178.00	179.00	178.80
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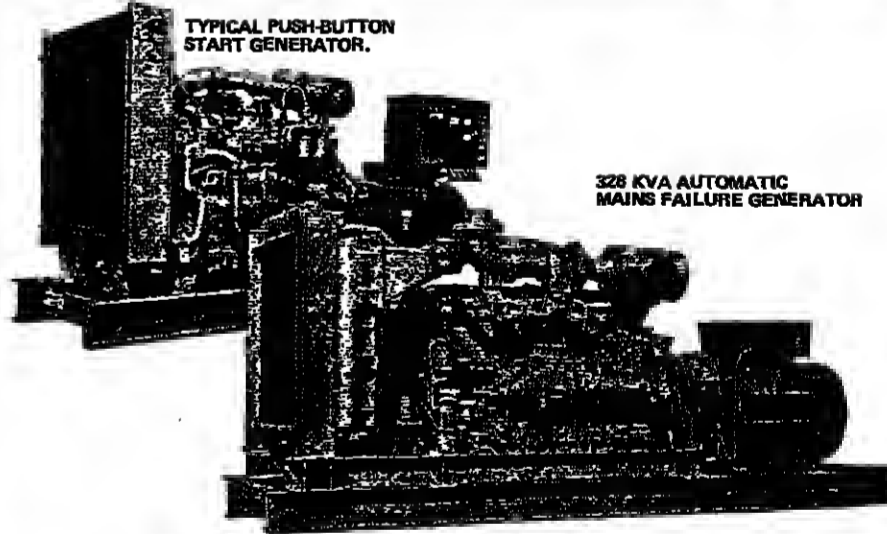
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# Italy plans measures to halt economic slide

ROME, March 22 (R) — Italian key ministers held urgent talks with Prime Minister Indro Montanelli and the governor of the Bank of Italy, Carlo Ciampi, on measures to combat the country's latest economic crisis. Central Bank director General Lamberto Dini told reporters Sunday that during the hour talks a wide-ranging package of economic, fiscal and monetary measures was under consideration to reduce Italy's soaring balance of payments deficit. Posts Minister Clelio Darone said later that public spending cuts were likely to be decided at a special cabinet meeting due to take place Monday (Dini leaves for the Common Market summit meeting in Maastricht). Forlani told reporters the government's medium and medium-term economic plans are undergoing close scrutiny following Sunday's news of a record \$1.6 billion payments deficit last month and a sharp rise in January trade deficit.

# U.S. firm drops fuel-saving device

NEW YORK, March 22 (AP) — Exxon Corp., which announced almost two years ago it had developed an energy-saving device that would save the equivalent of a million barrels of oil a day by 1990, has said it will not market the device. Exxon said Friday the device, which was to control the speed of electric motors, "could not be cost-competitive in alternate products under foreseeable conditions." The Exxon statement, in a brief release, was in sharp contrast to the earlier announcement made by Exxon in July 1979, when it said the new technology would promise great energy savings. That announcement was made at the same time Exxon announced plans to acquire Electric Co. for \$1.17 billion. Despite U.S. federal trade commission objections, the merger was completed. "Exxon can't have the manufacturing and market expertise to achieve rapid commercialization" of the device, Exxon chairman Clifton G. Warren Jr. said then. He said that was why Exxon decided to buy Reliance.

Pressure on the lira, at the bottom of the European Monetary System (EMS), has forced the Bank of Italy to spend an estimated \$1 billion in the past three days to support the currency, banking sources said. The government's economic problems were further aggravated when the Senate (upper house) in a secret vote Thursday cut \$1.2 billion off the budget's tax proposals for this year. Budget Minister Giorgio La Malfa said Sunday night the main aim of the government was to get the budget back under control and avoid a rise in public sector domestic borrowing above the originally planned 37.5 trillion lira (about \$37 billion). The Senate tax cut, and spending increases voted earlier in the chamber of deputies, threatened to raise the borrowing requirement to 44 trillion lira (about \$44 billion), boosting inflation which, at 20 per cent a year, is already the highest in Europe.

At the time, some in the industry said the Exxon technology was not as innovative as it claimed. Other companies are selling similar products now, although they have not made such claims about energy savings. The basic idea of the technology — called "alternating current synthesis" by Exxon — was to control the speed of electric motors. Those motors generally run at full speed even when full speed is not needed. Exxon said its device would cut the amount of electricity used by the motors by cutting the speed without causing loss of energy through heat.

MEXICO CITY, (AFP) — Pemex announced proven Mexican oil reserves of 67,830 million barrels, against 60,000 million stated previously. The new figure indicates that Mexico has the fifth largest reserves, and that they will last 60 years. Added to them are 45,000 million barrels of "probable" reserves. OTTAWA, (AFP) — Iraq has placed a \$90 million order with Canadian General Motors

# Australia, Egypt review trade ties

ISMAILIA, Egypt, March 22 (AP) — Australian Deputy Prime Minister J. Doug Anthony met with President Anwar Sadat Saturday and reviewed growing trade ties, an Egyptian official said.

Of prime interest for Egyptians was the proposal to buy uranium from Australia to fuel planned nuclear power stations, said Abdel Razzak Abdel Meguid, economics and finance minister.

"All the conditions for our joining the nuclear club are right," Abdel Meguid told reporters after attending the one-hour meeting between Anthony and Sadat at the presidential retreat in this Suez Canal city. Abdel Meguid said Egypt probably would buy "a fairly substantial amount" of its uranium needs from Australia after its first nuclear power plants are built by 1990.

Egypt signed nuclear non-proliferation treaty last month and has initialled agreements with France to build two 1,000-megawatt plants. A similar agreement with the United States was being initialled Saturday in Cairo. Anthony and Sadat discussed a range of issues, including the Middle East politics and stability in the region, Abdel Meguid said.

Abdel Meguid said most of the discussion concerned trade between Egypt and Australia and agreements Anthony has made during his five-day visit here. Egypt is heavily dependent on Australia for wheat and meat, Abdel Meguid said, and the imports of these products will likely increase.

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NEW DELHI, (AFP) — Guinea has proposed collaboration with India in exploration processing and trading diamonds and precious and semi-precious stones.

# U.S. top favorite Bankers' confidence in world nations sags

NEW YORK, March 22 — Investor confidence in the world's nations — from the United States at the top to Uganda at the bottom, has sagged in the last six months, according to a survey of international bankers published by Institutional Investor.

The last six months have been the most "bair-raising" for international bankers since the first of the twice-yearly surveys was taken in September 1979, the U.S. Business Magazine says.

The global average rating of 100 countries covered in the survey dropped to 50.7, down 1.6 from six months ago and down 2.8. A year ago the United States was ranked number one, Uganda was ranked number 100 — just a few months ago — but both nations had lower ratings.

The rankings are important in that the countries judged the least creditworthy are required to pay the highest interest rates and satisfy the most stringent loan conditions.

"Nightmare scenarios suddenly became reality," Institutional Investor said in explaining the general loss of confidence. "Full-scale war between Iran and Iraq not only threatened the peace of the entire Middle East, but also put dangerous strains on the flow of oil to the rest of the world. Striking Polish workers posed the most serious challenge to Soviet domination of Eastern Europe since the Prague spring of 1968."

The global money-lenders' consensus is that the United States will remain at the top of the heap with a rating of 98.1 down 0.5 from six months ago. Uganda's rating of 6.3 was down 1.8.

Iraq dropped from 42nd to 60th place, the sharpest fall in bankers' confidence since the last Institutional Investor survey of 100 countries in September 1980, the magazine says. Iran, which ranked 89th last September, was down to 94th place. Other big losers were Poland, Syria,

Senegal, Bolivia, Liberia, South Korea, Brazil, Israel, and Uganda.

Uganda is now bankers' favorite country, in 100th and last place in the survey. Its rating of 6.3 is just above Nicaragua, (rated 11.1), North Korea (7.0) and Zaire (6.8). The biggest gainer was Papua-New Guinea, which climbed to 58th place from 65th in the last survey. Also rising in the estimation of bankers was Ecuador, Peru, Algeria, Indonesia, Portugal, Trinidad and Nigeria.

According to the survey, the world's ten most credit-worthy nations are: the United States (rated 98.1), Switzerland (97.0), West Germany (96.3), Japan (95.2), Canada (92.0), France (90.2), Australia (90.0), Great Britain (89.9), The Netherlands (89.6) and Norway (89.5). The only change in the rankings since September is that Australia rose from ninth to seventh, exchanging places with the Netherlands.

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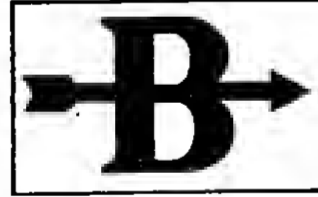
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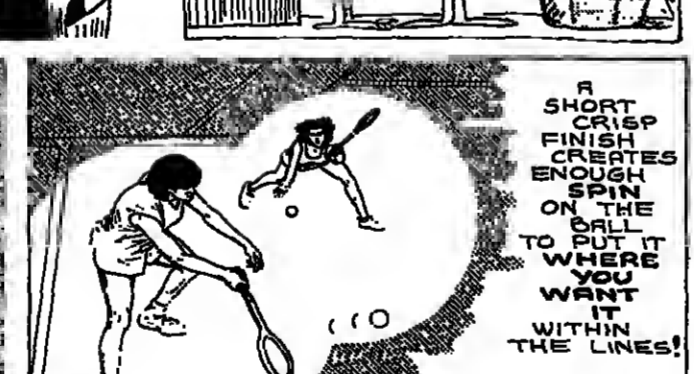
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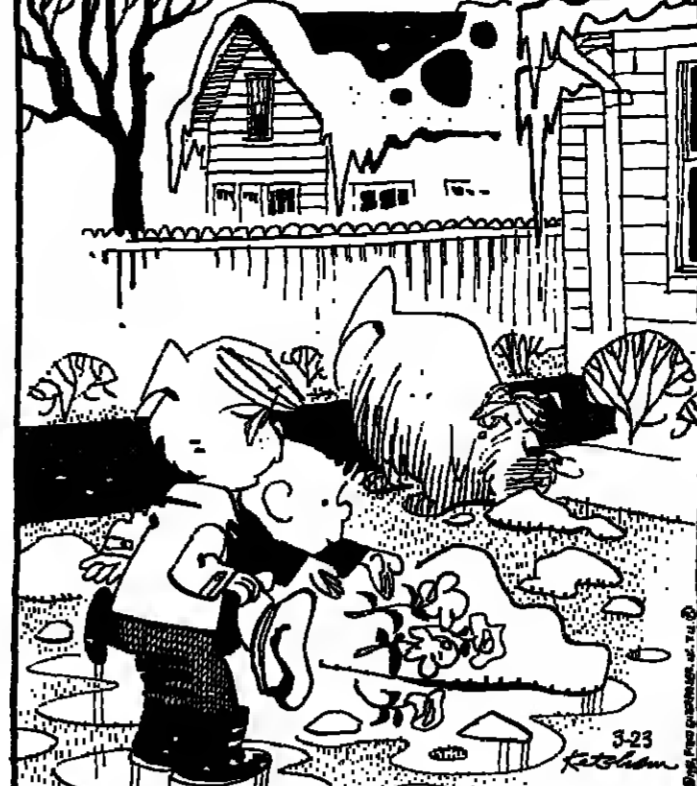
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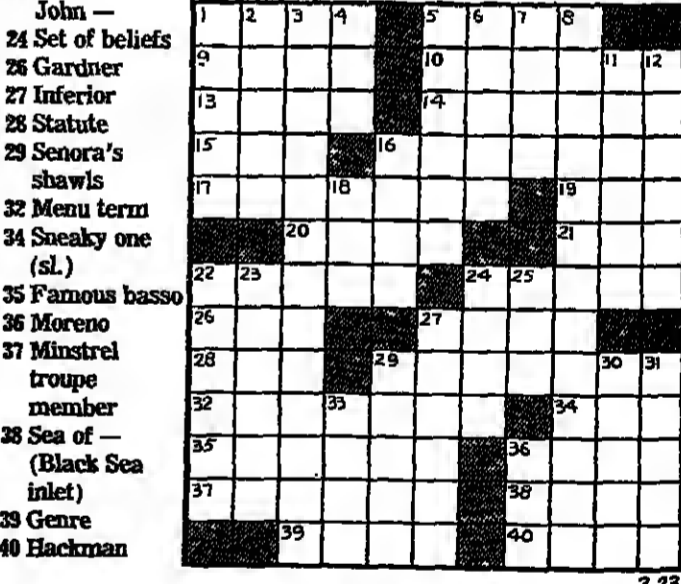
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Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS: 1 Sourpuss, 5 Summer fun setting, 9 Sprint, 10 Love affairs, 13 Grand-parental, 14 Young hen, 15 21 Across, in England, 16 Belligerent, 17 Enoble, 19 Old French shooting match, 20 Bog down, 21 Follower of wye, 22 Actor, John —, 24 Set of beliefs, 26 Gardner, 27 Inferior, 28 Statute, 29 Senora's swabs, 32 Menu term, 34 Sneaky one (sl.), 35 Famous basso, 36 Moreno, 37 Minstrel troupe member, 38 Sea of — (Black Sea inlet), 39 Genck, 40 Hackman. DOWN: 1 Brief fad, 2 French composer, 3 Media event of March 30, 4 Barbara — Geddes, 5 "In Cold Blood" author, 6 Divert, 7 Shed, 8 Journalist's award, 11 Had faith in, with "on", 12 Music lover's buy, 16 Cottontail, 18 Coq au —, 22 Famous N.Y.C. theater, 23 King Arthur's abode, 24 Kernel, 25 Brown kiwi, 27 Dogmatist, 28 Sub device, 30 Industrialist, 31 Barrel part, 33 Reminder Tease.

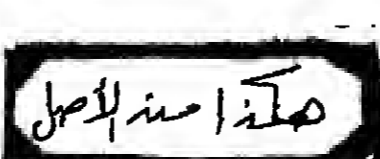


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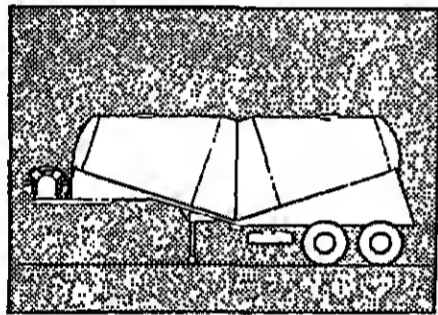
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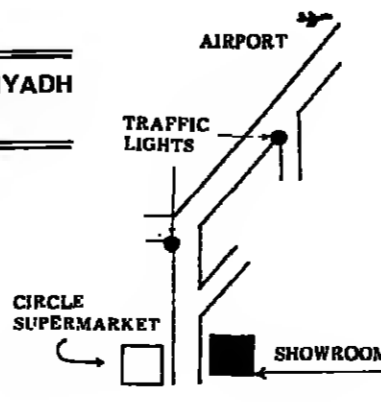
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Slim hope of peace

Sadr pins faith on mediators

TEHRAN, March 22 (R) - Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr has raised a slim hope that peace efforts by an Islamic mediating mission might still bring an end to the six-month-old war with Iraq.



President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr

wants to impose humiliation on us through this war, and that is something we cannot accept." Shatt-Al-Arab is the common waterway to the Gulf. Iraq claims full sovereignty over it, while Iran wants the border to run down its median line, as agreed in principle in a 1975 Algiers accord.

After visiting Tehran and Baghdad, the eight-nation Islamic mission proposed a rapid ceasefire followed by Iraqi withdrawal over a four-week period and negotiations on the issues dividing the two countries. Both sides rejected the proposals as they stood.

In his New Year message to the people,

Bani-Sadr said Iran will not achieve true unity until censorship is abolished and the people are made aware of the country's problems.

The Ayatollah blamed what he called the country's lack of unity on a "plot" by Iran's enemies, and called on his countrymen to "cut off the arm of the superpowers, who are pursuing their selfish goals (by) pillaging riches and resources of weaker nations."

Ayatollah Khomeini also acknowledged some economic problems, which he said were linked mainly to the war with Iraq. But these difficulties had been exaggerated by enemies of the Islamic revolution, both at home and abroad, he said.

On the war front, Iran claimed Saturday that its troops had made major gains against Iraqi forces in the western province of Ilam, facing Baghdad. "Iranian forces have scored remarkable successes. They now have overall superiority in all western border fronts and are able quickly and decisively to counter any enemy moves," the deputy governor of Kermanshahan, a neighboring province, told the official-Pars news agency.

A joint staff communique said Iraqi forces had made a general retreat on the western fronts. Five Iranians were said to have been killed.

Iraq said Saturday its forces killed 141 Iranians and lost 15 dead in fighting on various battlefronts in the Gulf war in 24 hours.

It added that Iraqi troops also dealt a heavy blow to enemy forces around Abadan in the oil-producing province of Khuzestan, and that they killed 16 Iranians.



WALESA PLEADS: Poland's Solidarity trade union leader Lech Walesa addressing a rally of workers in Bydgoszcz. Walesa appealed to the workers to avoid a nation wide strike over the police beating of independent union activists in the city Thursday.

W.Germany to reassure America on defense role

BONN, March 22 (R) - Defense Minister Hans Apel flies to Washington Monday as he said he would reassure the United States it could count on West Germany to fulfill its NATO defense commitments.

But his mission could prove more difficult than those of Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher and Economics Minister Oskar Lamsdorff who preceded him across the Atlantic. U.S. Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger is expected to question Apel's announcement last month that Bonn would delay construction of two frigates at the introduction of air defense missiles to its armed forces.

Weinberger, who has expressed concern over the planned arms procurement cuts, wants America's European allies to match the United States in major defense spending increases. Apel is expected to meet President Ronald Reagan, Weinberger, Secretary of State Alexander Haig and security adviser Richard Allen during his three-day visit.

His hosts will probably want to dispel an lingering concern over the assertion by senior Reagan aide that détente was dead. The aide had said the Soviets might try to secure U.S. concessions on nuclear arms through allies, and might succeed with Bonn whose foreign minister could press harder for Soviet-U.S. talks after his visit to Moscow next month.

The disavowal reached Genscher this week just before he went to Poland where he continued to preach the message of détente, urging Moscow to enter constructive negotiations with the West on curbing medium range nuclear missiles in Europe.

Genscher has said Haig and Weinberger clearly committed themselves to pursuing arms control talks while improving the NATO nuclear arsenal by the deployment of new U.S. missiles in Western Europe, planned to start in 1983.

But political commentators in Bonn said thorny issues, such as defense project cut-backs, had been left for Apel's visit. Aide said he would tell the U.S. leaders that, far from reducing defense spending, he intended to secure an extra one billion marks (\$475 million) beyond the planned medium-term budget to meet the cost of new weapons systems.

Bonn would stick to its timetable for supplying the armed forces with 1,800 modern Leopard II tanks, six multipurpose frigates and 322 Tornado combat aircraft, built by Britain, West Germany and Italy, Apel said.

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defense issues in common. Britain, he said, is interested in the defense of this part of the world against aggression from the Soviet Union." Nott, he said, would seek to discuss with Saudi Arabia "how they propose to encounter external dangers facing the region."

The British visit, hosted by Prince Sultan, was to have taken place early last year when the Defense Secretary was Francis Pym. But it was postponed. Nott arrives in Riyadh Monday evening and flies to the Eastern Province on Wednesday continuing to Oman, the Emirates, Qatar and Bahrain.

Donors' meet today

Mugabe seeks \$2,000m

SALISBURY, March 22 (AFP) - Representatives from some 50 donor states and organizations gather here Monday for a five-day conference at which Prime Minister Robert Mugabe and his government will call on them to honor promises of aid made before Zimbabwe became independent last April.

The money, once handed over, would be used in a three-year reconstruction and development program costing a total of \$5,000 million. This plan centers on major development projects and most of the money is expected to go to buy up two million hectares of white-owned land on which to resettle black farmers.

The United States, Canada, Sweden, Japan, China, Yugoslavia, Romania and the 10-nation European Economic Community will be represented at the conference. The Soviet Union has not yet said whether it will send a representative. The World Bank, United Nations specialized agencies such as the office of the U.N. high commissioner for refugees, the African Development Bank and the Arab Development Bank will be among international organizations represented.

Chinese need food

LONDON, March 22 (AFP) - China is in urgent need of food for 20 million people over the next seven months, according to a confidential United Nations report.

The newspaper wrote, "China is going to have a (food) shortage somewhere every year - it's a country of abundance in some places and shortages in others. Now she is a member of all the appropriate organizations, she may just be testing out international willingness to help. If it works this year, she could be back every year."

Nyerere arrives in Peking for vital talks

PEKING, March 22 (Agencies) - President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania arrived here Sunday at the start of his fourth official visit to China. The visit is scheduled to last four days.

During his five-day stay in Japan, he talked with Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and political and business leaders. Nyerere also was given an audience with Emperor Hirohito and Empress Nagako. They also toured Japan's ancient capitals, Kyoto and Nara, in western Japan.

Nyerere, who visited China in 1965, and 1974, is expected to have wide-ranging talks with Chinese leaders before leaving for North Korea. China and Tanzania have maintained close ties since the 1960s. The official Chinese Communist Party newspaper, the People's Daily welcomed Nyerere as an "old friend of China."

During his three previous official visits, Nyerere had talks with the late Chairman Mao Tse-Tung and Premier Chou En-Lai. In the early seventies, China built the Tanzam railway line linking Tanzania and Zambia.

The EEC will be represented by development commissioner Claude Cheysson but most EEC member states have also decided to send ministers. In all, some 15 countries will be represented by ministers, and the U.S. delegation will be led by Peter MacPherson, administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The World Bank is likely to be the main donor. Britain, the former colonial power, has given Zimbabwe more bilateral aid than any other donor but its contributions will be joined by money from West Germany, France and Sweden. The final U.S. contribution is not yet known but is expected to be high.

The government of Mugabe will be trying to convince the potential donors that by giving generously, they can help ensure the stability of this young state.

Mercenaries to fight Soviets in Afghanistan

LONDON, March 22 (AFP) - Two British mercenary soldiers are now in Pakistan hoping to lead a commando unit to fight in Afghanistan, The Sunday Times reported. The paper's correspondent in Islamabad reported that he had met the mercenaries in the American Embassy club there - while adding that embassies of both the United States and Britain denied having any links with the men.

The correspondent said one of the mercenaries, former paratrooper John Pilgrim, had told him: "We've got 72 men standing by back home (in Britain) to come here and fight." Pilgrim and his companion, former French foreign legionnaire Robin Morrison, said they had fought together in Africa, where they had "killed Cubans and East Germans - now we want to kill a few Russians."

The Sunday Times report said the two mercenaries had paid their own flights.

After Basque killing

Sotelo meets ministers

MADRID, March 22 (R) - Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo called an emergency meeting Sunday of leading ministers as tension rose in Spain after the killing of two army colonels less than a month after an attempted military coup.

The Defense Ministry said "the armed forces would not let themselves be emotionally dragged by such a stupid, brutal and bloody maneuver and hoped...the whole society would remain serene in the face of this new escalation of ETA subversion."

Sotelo met Sunday morning the ministers of the interior, defenses, justice and territorial administration to review possible steps against escalating violence in the northern region.

He paid a lightning visit to Bilbao Saturday to attend a funeral mass for Lt. Col. Ramon Romeo Rotaache, 52, in an apparent attempt to defuse the military's anger at the killing. The officer was shot through the head by a woman as he came out of church and ETA's military wing claimed responsibility. Only a few hours after the mass, Lt. Col. Jose Luis Prieto, 61, was shot twice through the head outside a church in Pampolna, capital of neighboring Navarre province.

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Pentagon plans pellets to knock out warheads

WASHINGTON, March 22, (R) - Pentagon planners, expressing worry that the Soviet Union might wipe out U.S. intercontinental missile silos in a surprise attack, say they are thinking of using metal pellets to knock out enemy warheads in flight. The pellets would be rained on the missiles in space by specially built interceptor rockets, or the interceptors would raise heavy umbrella-shaped nets to catch them.

The rockets would be part of a two-stage anti-ballistic missile (ABM) system, one operating in space and the other in the atmosphere, envisaged by the defense department. The Pentagon has been spending about \$250 a year on ABM research since the mid-1970s. Now, as part of his policy of maintaining a tough U.S. line against the Soviet Union, President Ronald Reagan is stepping up efforts to develop an anti-missile system.

Pentagon officials said the Reagan administration wanted to spend an extra \$130 million until the end of 1982 to perfect a low-altitude missile which could intercept and destroy attacking Soviet warheads with a nuclear blast in the atmosphere.



Spain Premier Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo

Roman bath found

CAIRO, March 22 (AFP) - Two experts from the Greco-Roman Museum in Alexandria went shopping in an old section of the city and discovered a priceless ancient treasure - an 1,800-year-old Roman bath made of rare luna (moon) marble, the newspaper Al-Ahram said Sunday.

The bath was considered a particularly important find as so few objects have turned up that reveal the Romans' everyday life. It was believed to have been imported from Italy by aristocrats of the period. The merchant who owned the bath donated it to the museum, saying he had bought it for a small sum a few years ago.

Blast hits Italian unit

ROME, March 22 (AP) - A powerful explosion ripped through a factory that produces highly inflammable chemicals, seriously burning one worker and sparking a blaze that threatened to spread to an arms plant next door, police and fire officials said.

Nobody was killed in the blast, officials said, and five workers escaped unharmed. The explosion erupted in a factory that makes a chemical used to make polyester fibers.



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but diplomatic sources said Peking now seemed to be finding it difficult to continue massive aid needed to maintain the line.

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